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Comments:

My name is Clem Dinsmore. I have resided in Wilmington, Delaware since July 1, 2018. For a number of years I served as the environmental community representative on the Delaware Energy Efficiency Advisory Council. In the Council's quarterly deliberations and through my participating on a strategic planning committee convened by Tony DePrima, former CEO of Delaware's sustainable utility, Energize Delaware, I learned much about Delaware's energy efficiency programs. Opponents of the RGGI program and Delaware's continued participation in it have everything backwards. The RGGI program and Delaware's uses of its share of RGGI program revenues have helped Delaware constituencies—households, businesses, faith communities, non-profit entities and public bodies—REDUCE their energy consumption AND energy bills. At a time, when the demand for energy is hugely increasing due to the focus of large business energy consumers and their capital sources on the build out of monumental data centers in Delaware and elsewhere, there is an acute need for our society to pursue strategies that REDUCE energy consumption in order to REDUCE the cost of energy for all constituencies including the State of Delaware and its political subdivisions. The RGGI program plays a central role in facilitating such energy demand reduction. My 108 year old house is materially more energy efficient because of the improvements my wife and I made to it at the recommendation of a knowledgeable contractor approved by Energize Delaware. Having acted in my family's self-interest I have been an energy efficiency evangelist to my neighbors, friends and acquaintances regarding the programs administered by Energize Delaware and DNREC. My wife and I illustrate the multiplier effect of Energize Delaware's efficient administration of the RGGI revenues that Delaware allocates to it. We are grateful to Energize Delaware for its assisting us in REDUCING our energy bill. Thank you!