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Subject: Re: Thank you and follow up from Sierra Club

Synapse has completed the update to their previous report highlighting the level of carbon pollution reductions necessary in the electric sector to reach the RGGI states' collective climate targets, and the benefits of doing so. As we discussed, they added in progress in heating efficiency and increased use of heat pumps to displace oil. The benefits are even greater than their previous analysis, with an average of nearly 60,000 new jobs each year and more than \$25 billion in savings. The implied RGGI cap is 39 million tons by 2030, perfectly consistent with the recommendations of numerous stakeholders to model a 5% annual reduction in the cap from 2020-2030, which is what the region has achieved since the inception of the program.

I've attached the updated report. Sounds like the DE listening session last week also went very well and you got some great input. Thanks, look forward to connecting again soon.

Mark

On Fri, Feb 26, 2016 at 9:57 AM, Mark Kresowik <mark.kresowik@sierraclub.org> wrote:

Thank you all very much for chatting with us on Monday, I just wanted to apologize again for not being able to make the meeting in person and follow up on a few of the items we discussed.

1) I'm sure by now you've seen our formal comments on policy scenario modeling for RGGI, in addition to previously submitted comments on the reference case. Thank you again for your feedback on the Synapse report. As we discussed, we'll share with you the updated version as soon as we have it.

2) To Ali's point about the need for additional education for groups about different ways to achieve the goals of the Clean Energy Incentive Program, while acknowledging some of the challenges presented by its proposed structure, we are currently working on a toolkit for groups in impacted communities with our national partner Green For All. That toolkit probably won't be complete for another month, but as soon as we have finalized it we'll definitely share it with you and some of the groups you're likely hearing from.

3) Thank you for pointing out Pennsylvania's comments on the update to the Cross State Air Pollution Rule. We'll be following up with EPA and PA DEP to address some of the misguided statements in those comments. I'm attaching Sonoma's report on the Brunner Island coal plant's contribution to air quality problems in the surrounding area, including Delaware. As you can see from the table on Page 11, pollution from Brunner has the highest average impact on monitors in nonattainment areas in Delaware, definitely significant, and Pennsylvania's recently published NOx RACT rule will do nothing to stop that. While we will be encouraging the EPA to reject that NOx RACT rule, we would be happy to assist you in directly addressing that problem through a Good Neighbor Section 126 petition, as it appears the SCOOT process is unlikely to help either.

4) Per our discussion of electric vehicles, I have attached a currently introduced bill in Massachusetts, a draft bill for Connecticut that has the support of the auto retailers (a placeholder bill has been raised by the energy committee without content yet), and the language from California SB 350 on utility involvement in charging infrastructure. We look forward to organizing greater public and stakeholder support, particularly from utilities, generators, and auto retailers, for the goals of Delaware and other states through the Transportation and Climate Initiative, please let us know how we can be most helpful there.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing some of you at the next RGGI stakeholder meeting in April, if not before.

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