

Editorial Boards Have Spoken: Virginia Should Join RGGI

“The EPA’s release of its final rules for the Clean Power Plan presents Virginia with an important question: how best to comply with a federal demand to slash carbon emissions from the energy sector.”

– Richmond Times-Dispatch Editorial Board – August 4, 2015

“Carbon dioxide emissions impose uncompensated costs on the public that should be internalized by power companies’ customers and shareholders.”

“Politically, the most potent downside could be the blow to Dominion. ...What’s good for Dominion, however, is not always what’s good for Virginia.”

“The commonwealth has to comply with the CPP one way or another. The only question is which approach is best. So far, joining RGGI seems to offer the most upside.”

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“For years, state lawmakers have dragged their feet rather than addressing the threat [of sea level rise], sacrificing the long-term security of critical assets and communities to partisan crusades and gamesmanship.”

“The program also highlights the value of economic and energy diversity, amplifying efforts to make greener energy sources more affordable and more available.”

“The regional initiative is designed specifically to promote competition and incentives to cut carbon dioxide. ... Research suggests its design to promote competition actually drives down consumers’ electricity rates.”

-Virginian-Pilot Editorial Board - February 5, 2015

“The smartest and easiest way to comply with EPA greenhouse-gas rules would be to band with other states and put a common price on carbon-dioxide emissions across a region, a plan that enlists market forces to determine where and how to cut greenhouse gases.” (WaPo Editorial Board February 22, 2015)

“As with any market, the bigger the market for carbon permits is, the more efficiently it operates, making a regional scheme better than a similar state-based program.”

“[P]utting an effective price on carbon dioxide across a large number of states is the conservative, market-based approach to climate change. Republicans in Virginia and every other state should be jumping to create or join carbon markets.”

-Washington Post Editorial Board - January 26, 2015