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Article Finds That the Tough Questions Are Not Being Answered - Calls on Nine Northeastern Governors to Open Up the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to Public Debate

PRINCETON, N.J., Nov. 28 /PRNewswire/ -- The signatories to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will hold their 11th conference, and the parties to the Kyoto Protocol will meet for the first time, each during the next two weeks in Montreal, Canada. Nine ambitious U.S. governors will be carefully observing these festivities as they place the finishing touches on the Regional Greenhouse Gas initiative (RGGI) that they will soon adopt. The new regulations will cover all of New England, metro-New York and part of the Delaware Valley.

These governors agree with the "Protocol's strict precautionary principle-based regulatory approach to global warming ... " And, they " ... hope to draw political strength from the 'hot winds' swirling around this atmospheric event to create a nor'easter of their own. Since 2003, they have funneled their ... 'RGGI' up and down the northeastern U.S. coastline, through the back-door of Washington policymaking, and into the communities and pocketbooks of unsuspecting American consumers." However, they have neglected to inform the American public of their endeavors and of the consequences that will likely follow.