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OBSERVATIONS ON SCIENCE, RELIGION, AND POLITICS,
MOSTLY FROM AN ABSTRACT VIEW.

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Heads up!

From [TCS](#) today is this [article](#) on the Northeast Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Here are some money quotes: Environmentalists recently leaked to the New York Times plans for costly regulations that will significantly raise energy, goods and services prices for both businesses and consumers within a nine-state region of the northeast. The regulations will have adverse impacts far beyond the region, too. These increases will materialize, unless vigorously opposed, as early as this coming fall.

The plan, known as the Northeast Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI or "Reggie"), would impose a mandatory cap on the carbon dioxide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of locally-based power plants. And it would entail the establishment of a GHG registry and a GHG emissions trading scheme overseen by a regional multi-state body.

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No matter how the press emphasizes the illusory benefits of RGGI, the facts speak for themselves: the high costs of RGGI will be borne in vain by regional consumers and businesses because RGGI will be unable to deliver the measurable environmental benefits promised.

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Our organization participated in a RGGI public stakeholder meeting that took place in Boston this past May. It was telling how little information had been provided to participating industry stakeholders until that time, and how nervous state regulators became after the **ITSSD** and some industry participants began questioning RGGI economic and environmental modeling assumptions. Apparently, regulators had assumed a paternalistic posture, thinking they knew what was best for the public. This practice sounds eerily similar to the modus operandi of the federalist European Commission regulators in Brussels.

.....a war against the economy disguised as environmental regulation is occurring.

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