

Midwest Greenhouse Gas Registry Issue Brief

Purpose of a Multi-state GHG Registry – Considering DOE 1605(b), EPA Climate Leaders and CCX

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Summary of Issue Brief

- GHG Program (1605b, Climate Leaders, CCX) Overview
- Objectives of a Multi-State GHG Registry
- DOE 1605(b) Comparison Analysis



GHG Program Overview

Three different types of voluntary programs that serve different functions:

- DOE 1605(b) – GHG reductions registry
- EPA Climate Leaders – Corporate GHG management / reduction partnership
- CCX – GHG allowance trading scheme



Objectives of a Multi-State GHG Registry

1. Provide Credible GHG Emissions Reporting Platform
2. Support Multiple Policy Objectives
3. Use Best Practice GHG Accounting Standards
4. Facilitate Corporate GHG Management Strategies



1605(b) Comparison Analysis

Multi-State Objective: Credible GHG Emissions Reporting Platform

1605(b) Analysis

- Designed as a registry to track reductions, not emissions
- May limit participation and registry's usefulness over time



1605(b) Comparison Analysis

Multi-State Objective: Support Multiple Policy Objectives

1605(b) Analysis

- Designed to support a specific policy objective - a national GHG emissions intensity target
- Limits registry's usefulness over time



1605(b) Comparison Analysis

Multi-State Objective: Use Best Practice GHG Accounting Standards

1605(b) Analysis

- Certain aspects of inventory component consistent with best practice
- Procedures for accounting for reductions are not consistent with best practice
- Reduces utility of reductions internationally and over time



1605(b) Comparison Analysis

Multi-State Objective: Facilitate Corporate GHG Management Strategies

1605(b) Analysis

- Reduction procedures complicated and unfamiliar to many companies
- May limit participation in particular for businesses with operations in multiple sectors



1605(b) Comparison Analysis

Conclusions

- 1605b re-designed to serve a specific policy objective
- New design features may limit long-term utility and business participation
- Strong case exists for a multi-state registry designed to support:
 - Registration of both emissions and reductions
 - Application of best GHG accounting practices
 - Long-term policy objectives



Questions and Comments



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