


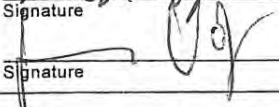
Form CHAR500 <small>This form used for Article 7-A, EPTL and dual filers (replaces forms CHAR 497, CHAR 010 and CHAR 006)</small>	Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations New York State Department of Law (Office of the Attorney General) Charities Bureau - Registration Section 120 Broadway New York, NY 10271 http://www.charitiesnys.com	2 0 1 1 Open to Public Inspection
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1. General Information

a. For the fiscal year beginning (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ / 2 0 1 1 and ending (mm/dd/yyyy) _____		d. Fed. employer ID no. (EIN) (##-####-###) 35-2316710	
b. Check if applicable for NYS: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> Final filing <input type="checkbox"/> Amended filing <input type="checkbox"/> NY registration pending	c. Name of organization REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.		
	e. NY State registration no. (##-##-###) 40-91-69		
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail not delivered to street address) Room/suite 90 CHURCH STREET, 4TH FLOOR	f. Telephone number (212) 417-7327	
	City or town, state or country and zip + 4 NEW YORK, NY 10007		g. Email PETER.RENNEE@RGGI.ORG

2. Certification - Two Signatures Required

We certify under penalties of perjury that we reviewed this report, including all attachments, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to this report.

a. President or Authorized Officer	 Signature	Nadee Singh Printed Name	Executive Director Title	5/3/12 Date
b. Chief Financial Officer or Treas.	 Signature	James Volz Printed Name	Director Title	5-7-12 Date

3. Annual Report Exemption Information

a. **Article 7-A annual report exemption** (Article 7-A registrants and dual registrants)
 Check if total contributions from NY State (including residents, foundations, corporations, government agencies, etc.) did not exceed \$25,000 and the organization did not engage a professional fund raiser (PFR) or fund raising counsel (FRC) to solicit contributions during this fiscal year.

NOTE: An organization may claim this exemption if no PFR or FRC was used and either: 1) it received an allocation from a federated fund, United Way or incorporated community appeal and contributions from other sources did not exceed \$25,000 or 2) it received all or substantially all of its contributions from one government agency to which it submitted an annual report similar to that required by Article 7-A.

b. **EPTL annual report exemption** (EPTL registrants and dual registrants)
 Check if gross receipts did not exceed \$25,000 and assets (market value) did not exceed \$25,000 at any time during this fiscal year.

For EPTL or Article-7A registrants claiming the annual report exemption under the one law under which they are registered and for dual registrants claiming the annual report exemptions under both laws, simply complete part 1 (General Information), part 2 (Certification) and part 3 (Annual Report Exemption Information) above.
Do not submit a fee, do not complete the following schedules and do not submit any attachments to this form.

4. Article 7-A Schedules

If you did **not** check the Article 7-A annual report exemption above, complete the following for this fiscal year: **N/A**

a. Did the organization use a professional fund raiser, fund raising counsel or commercial co-venturer for fund raising activity in NY State? . . . Yes* No
 * If "Yes", complete Schedule 4a.

b. Did the organization receive government contributions (grants)? . . . Yes* No
 * If "Yes", complete Schedule 4b.

5. Fee Submitted: See last page for summary of fee requirements.

Indicate the filing fee(s) you are submitting along with this form:		Submit only one check or money order for the total fee, payable to "NYS Department of Law"
a. Article 7-A filing fee	\$ _____	
b. EPTL filing fee	\$ <u>25.</u>	
c. Total fee	\$ <u>25.</u>	

6. Attachments - For organizations that are not claiming annual report exemptions under both laws, see last page for required attachments → → →

5. Fee Instructions

The filing fee depends on the organization's Registration Type. For details on Registration Type and filing fees, see the Instructions for Form CHAR500.

Organization's Registration Type	Fee Instructions
• Article 7-A	Calculate the Article 7-A filing fee using the table in part a below. The EPTL filing fee is \$0.
• EPTL	Calculate the EPTL filing fee using the table in part b below. The Article 7-A filing fee is \$0.
• Dual	Calculate both the Article 7-A and EPTL filing fees using the tables in parts a and b below. Add the Article 7-A and EPTL filing fees together to calculate the total fee. Submit a single check or money order for the total fee.

a) Article 7-A filing fee

Total Support & Revenue	Article 7-A Fee
more than \$250,000	\$25
up to \$250,000 *	\$10

* Any organization that contracted with or used the services of a professional fund raiser (PFR) or fund raising counsel (FRC) during the reporting period must pay an Article 7-A filing fee of \$25, regardless of total support and revenue.

b) EPTL filing fee

Net Worth at End of Year	EPTL Fee
Less than \$50,000	\$25
\$50,000 or more, but less than \$250,000	\$50
\$250,000 or more, but less than \$1,000,000	\$100
\$1,000,000 or more, but less than \$10,000,000	\$250
\$10,000,000 or more, but less than \$50,000,000	\$750
\$50,000,000 or more	\$1500

6. Attachments - Document Attachment Check-List

Check the boxes for the documents you are attaching.

For All Filers		
<u>Filing Fee</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single check or money order payable to "NYS Department of Law"		
<u>Copies of Internal Revenue Service Forms</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IRS Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> IRS Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> IRS Form 990-PF
<input type="checkbox"/> All required schedules (including Schedule B)	<input type="checkbox"/> All required schedules (including Schedule B)	<input type="checkbox"/> All required schedules (including Schedule B)
<input type="checkbox"/> IRS Form 990-T	<input type="checkbox"/> IRS Form 990-T	<input type="checkbox"/> IRS Form 990-T

Additional Article 7-A Document Attachment Requirement
<u>Independent Accountant's Report</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audit Report (total support & revenue more than \$250,000)
<input type="checkbox"/> Review Report (total support & revenue \$100,001 to \$250,000)
<input type="checkbox"/> No Accountant's Report Required (total support & revenue not more than \$100,000)

**REGIONAL GREENHOUSE
GAS INITIATIVE, INC.**

**Financial Statements
for the year ended
December 31, 2011**

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of the
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. (the "Corporation") as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. at December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 and the results of its activities and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Condon O'Meara McGinty + Donnelly LLP

March 26, 2012

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

	<u>December 31</u>	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 1,249,062	\$ 1,198,383
Accounts receivable	-	5,018
State receivables	95,596	5,334
Prepaid expenses	<u>34,791</u>	<u>10,281</u>
Total current assets	1,379,449	1,219,016
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$6,242 in 2011 and \$3,746 in 2010	6,258	8,754
Cash held by the Corporation as agent	<u>42,595</u>	<u>4,794</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,428,302</u>	<u>\$ 1,232,564</u>

Current Liabilities and Unrestricted Net Assets

Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 208,882	\$ 294,134
Auction deposits returnable to bidders	37,801	-
Deferred state revenues	1,103,226	859,579
Deferred state revenue – program meeting support	<u>41,712</u>	<u>42,170</u>
Total current liabilities	1,391,621	1,195,883
Unrestricted net assets	<u>36,681</u>	<u>36,681</u>
Total current liabilities and unrestricted net assets	<u>\$ 1,428,302</u>	<u>\$ 1,232,564</u>

See notes to financial statements.

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.

Statement of Activities

	Year Ended	
	December 31	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Revenues		
State revenues	\$ 1,820,393	\$ 1,981,539
Interest	<u>2,048</u>	<u>2,347</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,822,441</u>	<u>1,983,886</u>
Expenses		
Program services		
Direct	940,187	1,045,462
Indirect	541,315	565,458
Management and general	<u>340,939</u>	<u>371,166</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,822,441</u>	<u>1,982,086</u>
Increase in unrestricted net assets	-	1,800
Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year	<u>36,681</u>	<u>34,881</u>
Unrestricted net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 36,681</u>	<u>\$ 36,681</u>

See notes to financial statements.

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.

Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011
 (with Summarized Comparative Information for the Year Ended December 31, 2010)

Expenses	2011				2010
	Program Services		Management and General		Total
	Direct	Other	General	Total	
Salaries and wages	\$ -	\$ 347,309	\$ 141,295	\$ 488,604	\$ 499,503
Auctions	420,000	-	-	420,000	399,920
Emissions Allowance Tracking System	202,994	-	-	202,994	102,314
Market monitoring	176,085	-	-	176,085	176,540
Program review and evaluation	141,108	-	-	141,108	292,652
Payroll taxes and employees' benefits	-	83,541	41,003	124,544	138,111
Financial and accounting services	-	-	69,300	69,300	70,400
Offsets monitoring	-	-	-	-	68,436
Occupancy	-	35,718	15,308	51,026	52,045
Legal fees	-	19,595	14,402	33,997	63,985
Telephone, internet and service contracts	-	18,876	8,090	26,966	28,810
Audit	-	-	25,501	25,501	22,799
Insurance	-	14,468	6,201	20,669	21,505
Meeting and other	-	9,654	8,242	17,896	13,572
Outreach and communications	-	7,234	3,070	10,304	6,246
Travel	-	3,603	1,544	5,147	4,057
Technical papers	-	-	-	-	5,600
Office supplies	-	120	3,647	3,767	4,777
Depreciation	-	-	2,496	2,496	2,496
Website maintenance	-	739	317	1,056	4,313
Furniture and fixtures	-	-	523	523	2,175
Program meeting support	-	458	-	458	1,830
Total expenses	\$ 940,187	\$ 541,315	\$ 340,939	\$1,822,441	\$1,982,086

See notes to financial statements.

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.

Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

Expenses	2010			
	<u>Program Services</u>		<u>Management and</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>General</u>	
Salaries and wages	\$ -	\$ 353,994	\$ 145,509	\$ 499,503
Auctions	399,920	-	-	399,920
Program review and evaluation	292,652	-	-	292,652
Market monitoring	176,540	-	-	176,540
Payroll taxes and employees' benefits	-	92,048	46,063	138,111
Emissions Allowance Tracking System	102,314	-	-	102,314
Financial and accounting services	-	-	70,400	70,400
Offsets monitoring	68,436	-	-	68,436
Legal fees	-	31,992	31,993	63,985
Occupancy	-	36,432	15,613	52,045
Telephone, internet and service contracts	-	19,571	9,239	28,810
Audit	-	-	22,799	22,799
Insurance	-	15,054	6,451	21,505
Meeting and other	-	3,267	10,305	13,572
Outreach and communications	-	5,289	957	6,246
Technical papers	5,600	-	-	5,600
Office supplies	-	-	4,777	4,777
Website maintenance	-	3,573	740	4,313
Travel	-	2,408	1,649	4,057
Depreciation	-	-	2,496	2,496
Furniture and fixtures	-	-	2,175	2,175
Program meeting support	-	1,830	-	1,830
Total expenses	<u>\$1,045,462</u>	<u>\$ 565,458</u>	<u>\$ 371,166</u>	<u>\$1,982,086</u>

See notes to financial statements.

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.

Statement of Cash Flows

	Year Ended	
	December 31	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Increase in unrestricted net assets	\$ -	\$ 1,800
Adjustment to reconcile increase in unrestricted net assets to net increase in cash		
Depreciation	2,496	2,496
(Increase) decrease in current assets		
Accounts receivable	5,018	(5,018)
State receivables	(90,262)	110,322
Prepaid expenses	(24,510)	19,367
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(85,252)	110,072
Auction deposits returnable to bidders	37,801	(21,600)
Deferred state revenues	243,647	174,786
Deferred state revenue – Program Meeting Support	(458)	-
Net increase in cash	88,480	392,225
Cash, beginning of year	<u>1,203,177</u>	<u>810,952</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 1,291,657</u>	<u>\$ 1,203,177</u>
Consists of:		
Cash – operations	\$ 1,249,062	\$ 1,198,383
Cash held by the Corporation as agent	42,595	4,794
Total	<u>\$ 1,291,657</u>	<u>\$ 1,203,177</u>

See notes to financial statements.

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.**Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2011****Note 1 – Nature of organization**

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. (the “Corporation”) is a non-profit, non-stock, corporation with no members established pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) entered into by a number of U.S. states. The current signatories to the MOU are Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont, (the “Signatory States”). The exclusive purposes for which the Corporation is formed are to provide technical and scientific advisory services to the Signatory States in the development and implementation of a multi-state cap and trade, greenhouse gas control program, known as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”) (or its successor), to reduce air pollutants that contribute to climate change, and to perform any other charitable or scientific function related to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions or the increase in carbon sequestration at the request of the Signatory States. The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the Corporation is exempt from federal income tax pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) and is not a private foundation pursuant to Section 509 (a) (1) of the IRC. Contributions to the Corporation are deductible pursuant to Section 170 of the IRC. As of December 31, 2011, no amounts have been recognized for any uncertain income tax positions. In addition, the Corporation’s tax returns for the year 2008 and forward are subject to the usual review by the appropriate taxing authorities.

The Corporation is governed by a Board of Directors, made up of two agency heads from each Signatory State who serve as directors of the Corporation *ex officio*. As provided in the By-laws of the Corporation, the directors serving *ex officio* are as follows: (1) the chair, or the commissioner designated by the chair, of the Signatory State’s energy regulatory agency; (2) the chief executive of the Signatory State’s environmental regulatory agency or department; or (3) in the event that the Governor of a Signatory State determines that a state official other than the aforementioned individuals is the appropriate representative to act as a director, the Governor of that Signatory State must notify the Chair of the Corporation in writing and such other official shall be a director from that Signatory State.

The Signatory States provide funds for the Corporation’s activities. Each Signatory State has entered into a contract with the Corporation, which establishes, among other things, the amount to be contributed by that Signatory State to the Corporation for its services and the specific technical and advisory services to be provided by the Corporation to or on behalf of that Signatory State.

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
December 31, 2011****Note 1 – Nature of organization (continued)**

The technical and scientific advisory services to be provided to the Signatory States generally include the development and implementation of (1) a regional system for tracking emissions and emissions allowances, to support emissions inventory management, allowance trading, compliance and program analysis and user security; (2) model offsets consistency applications and model offsets monitoring and verification submittal forms; (3) guidance for offset projects and an accreditation process for independent verifiers of offset projects; (4) a tracking system for offset project submittals, approvals and supporting documentation; (5) a regional allowance auction platform, including pre-auction services, conduct of the auction, and post-auction services; and (6) monitoring and auditing services for both allowance auctions and the secondary allowance market. The Corporation is authorized to subcontract with outside vendors to fulfill its duties under its contracts with Signatory States.

One aspect of the auction services the Corporation provides is financial settlement services on behalf of the Signatory States offering emissions allowances at each auction. Financial security from auction participants is deposited into an account currently maintained at Bank of New York Mellon under the title “RGGI, Inc. as agent for the Signatory States of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative” and is held in that account subject to the terms in the auction notice issued by the Signatory States offering emissions allowances. At the conclusion of each auction, the Corporation arranges for the transfer of funds in appropriate amounts to the Signatory States in payment for the emissions allowances purchased at that auction, and excess funds are returned to auction participants. The Corporation’s receipt and management of these funds is solely as agent for the Signatory States. The Corporation has no legal right to retain any portion of these funds or to transfer them to its own account. The interest earned, if any, will be used to defray the cost of future auctions.

The Corporation is a technical assistance organization only. It has no regulatory or enforcement authority with respect to any existing or future program of any Signatory State. All such sovereign authority is reserved to each Signatory State.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies**Basis of presentation**

The financial statements of the Corporation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The following comprise the significant accounting policies of the Corporation.

Net assets

Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
December 31, 2011****Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

Unrestricted net assets consist of amounts that can be spent at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Temporarily restricted net assets consist of contributions that are restricted by the donor for a specific purpose or relate to future periods. Permanently restricted net assets consist of contributions that are restricted by the donor in perpetuity. The Corporation did not receive any temporarily or permanently restricted contributions during 2011 and 2010.

Revenue Recognition

Once the Corporation's budget is determined, an amount is billed to each Signatory State based upon an emissions allocation. These amounts are recorded as deferred state revenues on the statement of financial position. Revenue is recorded on a monthly basis equal to the Corporation's operating and program expenses.

Allowance for doubtful accounts

The Corporation has determined that an allowance for doubtful accounts is not required for its accounts receivable. Such estimate is based on management's experience, the aging of the receivables, subsequent receipts and current economic conditions.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment, which consists of furniture and fixtures, is recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which is five (5) years.

Allocation of expenses

The cost of providing the various programs and other activities has been summarized on a functional basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services. Program services are divided into two categories:

Direct program services

These are expenses incurred by the Corporation for direct costs related to the six main functions of the Corporation: auctions, emissions allowance tracking systems, market monitoring, offsets monitoring, program review and evaluation, and technical papers that are paid to outside contractors.

Other program services

These are expenses incurred by the Corporation for direct costs relating to the six main functions of the Corporation: auctions, emissions and allowance tracking, market monitoring, offsets monitoring, program review and evaluation, and technical papers that are incurred by the Corporation's staff and legal counsel.

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
December 31, 2011****Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Subsequent events

The Corporation has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through March 26, 2012, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective January 1, 2012, the State of New Jersey withdrew from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Memorandum of Understanding and became a non-signatory state.

Concentration of credit risk

The Corporation's financial instruments that are potentially exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash and receivables. The Corporation places its cash and cash held by the Corporation as agent with what it believes to be quality financial institutions. In addition, the Corporation placed its cash holdings in different financial institutions to have the full benefit of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage. The receivables consist of amounts due from the Signatory States. The Corporation believes no significant risk of loss is likely as a result of credit risk concentrations with respect to its cash and receivables.

Reclassifications

Certain items in the 2010 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

Note 3 – Funding

The Corporation is funded by contributions from the ten (10) Signatory States of proportionate shares of the cost of the annual budget as approved by the Corporation's Board of Directors. Each Signatory State has two seats on the Corporation's Board of Directors, and these board members are usually selected from the directors of a State's public utilities commission, environmental protection agency, or energy department, as described in note 1.

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
December 31, 2011****Note 3 – Funding (continued)**

The total contributed by all Signatory States during 2011 and 2010 was \$1,820,393 and \$1,981,539, respectively. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, states owed \$95,596 and \$5,334, respectively, which is shown as state receivables on the Statement of Financial Position. In addition, during 2011 and 2010, several states paid an aggregate of \$1,103,226 and \$859,579, respectively in advance for proportional funding costs, which are shown as deferred state revenues on the Statement of Financial Position.

Note 4 – Auction process

One of the main functions of the Corporation is to administer the entire auction process of carbon dioxide (CO₂) allowances for the participating states. The Corporation administered four (4) auctions during 2011 and four (4) during 2010.

Each CO₂ allowance auction is conducted in accordance with the statutory and/or regulatory authority of each Signatory State offering CO₂ allowances for sale in that auction. These uniform price sealed quarterly auctions are designed to prevent price collusion by the bidders and are monitored by an independent third party vendor (see Note 6).

Each state's number of allowances is specified in the statutes and/or regulations authorizing its CO₂ allowance budget. Allowances of any participating state are recognized by the CO₂ Budget Trading Program of each of the participating states even if that particular state is not participating in the auction.

Note 5 – Retirement Plan

The Corporation maintains a 403(b) plan whereby eligible employees may elect to defer contributions from their salary up to the limits established by the Internal Revenue Code. The Corporation will contribute up to 10% of an employee's annual compensation. Employees are vested in the Corporation matching contribution after eighteen months of employment. The Corporation's cost for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 totaled \$38,910 and \$47,163, respectively.

Note 6 – Commitments and Contingencies

The Corporation receives funding under contracts and agreements from Signatory States. Payments received under these arrangements are subject to audit by each Signatory State. Upon audit, if discrepancies are discovered, the Corporation could be held responsible for reimbursing the amount in question. As of the date of this report, no audit has been requested by any of the Signatory States.

The auction platform was created and is monitored by an unrelated independent contractor who is responsible for the integrity of the process. In addition, this independent contractor is responsible for verifying the collateral issued by the underlying institution for each bid made by an auction bidder.

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE, INC.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
December 31, 2011

Note 6 – Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

The Corporation has an agreement with an independent contractor to administer and otherwise manage the development and implementation of an emissions and allowance tracking system.

The Corporation has an agreement with an independent contractor to serve as the market monitor for the RGGI CO₂ allowance market. This independent contractor monitors the conduct of the market participants in both the primary auctions and the secondary market to identify indications of market manipulation or collusion. It also reviews the administration of the auctions performed by the independent contractor referred to above.

Effective May 1, 2008, the Corporation has a five-year space license agreement with the New York State Office of General Services for space in common with the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) for conducting its programs. The license may be renewed at the option of the Corporation for the period May 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015. However, the Corporation's ability to extend its license is predicated on DPS' ability to exercise its right of renewal under its lease.

The occupancy costs and related charges totaled \$51,026 and \$52,045 for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

During the license period, the Corporation is permitted to use the furniture, electronic, and computer equipment in the licensed space. The use of some of this equipment is subject to an additional monthly charge.

The Corporation has not accounted for this licensed space expense using the straight-line method because the difference between the amortized and paid amounts would be immaterial.

Future minimum payments under the license agreement are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2012	\$ 49,443
2013	<u>16,481</u>
Total	<u>\$ 65,924</u>