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Adirondack Council selling CO2 allowances

ELIZABETHTOWN — As part of its Cool Park/Healthy Planet Carbon Retirement Program, the not-for-profit Adirondack Council is seeking partners to help it purchase thousands of tons worth of Carbon Dioxide Allowances from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

The RGGI is the nation's first government-mandated carbon dioxide control program. It requires power companies to purchase every year at auction one allowance for every ton of carbon the power plant releases. Each year, the number of allowances sold at auction is reduced, requiring the plants to reduce emissions.

"For a tax-deductible donation of \$25, you can permanently retire three tons of carbon dioxide – keeping it out of the hands of power companies that would use it to create greenhouse gas pollution – and dedicate the certificate to anyone you wish," said Adirondack Council executive director Brian Houseal. "They will receive a suitable-for-framing certificate explaining the significance of real carbon dioxide emissions reductions."

Carbon Reduction Certificates are available for Christmas through December 23 via secure Web site at www.AdirondackCouncil.org or by calling 866-873-2240 toll free.