Hi Bob,

On our end, the best time for this discussion is from 10-11 am tomorrow. In particular, we’d like to better understand how EPA’s projection of GHG reductions, esp. in the shorter term (pre-2020, before the EE kicks in) compare with the projections from EIA and from RFF.

EIA results for $10 and $15/ton CO2 price can be found here:
http://www.eia.gov/oiaf/aeo/tablebrowser/#release=AEO2013&subject=4-AEO2013&table=17-AEO2013&region=1-0&cases=co2fee15-d021413a,co2fee10-d021413a,ref2013-d102312a

For the Electric Power sector, the reference CO2 emissions in 2020 are 2,081 million metric tons (MMT), at $10/ton CO2 they are projected to be 1,856 MMT, and at $15/ton CO2 they are 1,632 MMT. Is this difference in projections due to the different start date of their carbon price versus the GHG rule kicking in, or something else? Additionally, why are their base case projections for 2020 lower than the reference case from IPM, since IPM uses AEO 2013 as the basis for the power sector?

The RFF paper can be found here:

The Appendix, on page 26, has the model results for comparison.

If tomorrow doesn’t work, I can give you times for next week.

Regards,
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