







Agriculture, too, will be helped by PRI. While the agricultural sector is not covered in this program, farmers that change their practices to reduce carbon pollution or to sequester more carbon in plants or soil can earn vouchers they can sell to other companies.

Perhaps most importantly, PRI contains special protections for everyday American consumers of electricity and fuel. To ensure access to affordable energy, low- and moderate-income Americans will receive rebates on their energy bills. A market stability fund will keep voucher prices stable by selling additional vouchers into the market should prices rise above a certain level.

Finally, while it is important for companies to be able to exchange carbon pollution vouchers freely, it is equally important that this market be strictly regulated. The system contains strong policing measures above and beyond those regulating other commodities to ensure that the new carbon marketplace remains transparent, fair, and accountable.