% Change (from 2008 to 2021) in SO₂ Emissions Attributable to Electric Generation





Percent Change in SO₂ Emissions Attributable to Electric Generation - Updated through CY2021

This information demonstrates that there is little discernable difference between the decrease in SO_2 emissions attributable to electric generation in competitive jurisdictions as compared to monopoly states. This is noteworthy because a common argument is that without securitization payments to a vertically-integrated monopoly as an incentive to shutter their carbon-emitting power plants, carbon emission reductions will not happen as rapidly. However, this graph demonstrates the opposite. The market-based forces are slightly more effective at causing generation companies to decrease SO_2 emissions.

