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Dear Chairman Madden:

Congratulations! Russell Township is receiving a NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) grant of \$20,060.00 for 2018. NOPEC\* and NextEra value your community's membership and are awarding this grant to help your community achieve even greater savings. The NEC grants are being offered to help you implement energy efficiency or energy infrastructure projects that will benefit your community for years to come.

We're excited to be able to offer this new this grant program and we've designed it to make the whole process as streamlined as possible. All NEC grant program information and materials will be available online. In January, you'll receive an e-mail with detailed instructions on how to access this information and get started on completing the grant process. Our staff is available to help at any point during the process.

The NEC grant program has some new features that weren't available in previous grant programs through NOPEC. These features offer more options and greater flexibility for your community to get the greatest benefit from your grant, while reducing the paperwork required. For example, you'll have the ability to coordinate with other communities on a multi-jurisdictional project. Or, if you'd like to escrow your grant funds (or a portion of them) for a future year's project that will also be an option for you.

NOPEC's Special Projects Manager, Norma Fox Horwitz, is managing the NEC grant program. Feel free to contact her by email at grants@nopecinfo.org, or by phone at 440-249-7829 if you have questions. We look forward to receiving your application!!

Sincerely,

Chuck Keiper  
Executive Director

cc: Charles Walder, Fiscal Officer

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