



**Rochelle Municipal Utilities**  
RMU Business

To: David Plyman

From: Dan Westin

Date: Oct 22nd, 2014

RE: Accepting the \$ 50,000 DEED grant for Roof Top Unit Optimization project

RMU has applied for and received a \$ 50,000 grant from DEED which is the American Public Power Association's research division. DEED provides grants for energy savings projects that enhance the utilities performance. See enclosed award letter from DEED.

RMU has received a grant from DEED in 2013 which allowed an NIU student to do GIS work in the area of meter optimization for RMU.

This money will be used as part of RMU's work with commercial companies to improve their air condition unit on their roof tops and alike major units. The remainder of the cost of the project (\$50,000) comes out of the approved budget for incentives.

Roof top units are providing air conditioning and that is the major opportunity in reducing commercial companies peak demand in Rochelle. Peak demand has been the largest component in increasing costs for the utilities and its customers and will continue to be a large part of the cost basis.

I recommend Council accept the \$ 50,000 DEED grant for the Roof Top Unit Optimization project.

Please put this on the agenda for the October 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.