



MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

January 5, 2004

Kurt Dawson
Director of Assessing
City of Rochester Hills
1000 Rochester Hills Drive
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309

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ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Dear Mr. Dawson:

The Michigan NextEnergy Authority (MNEA) is charged by law (Public Act 593 of 2002) with the certification of alternative energy technology businesses and alternative energy personal property (Public Act 549 of 2002). The MNEA is also charged with notifying the assessors and treasurers of the local tax collecting unit and the secretary of the school district, in which the property is located, of such certification.

The enclosed resolution, certifying Energy Conversion Devices, Inc. as an Alternative Energy Technology Business and certifying the attached list of personal property as Alternative Energy Personal Property exempt from certain property taxes, was adopted at a meeting of the MNEA held on December 16, 2003. As indicated in the enclosed resolution, the maximum value of the exempted property in Rochester Hills is \$6,277,091 and is subject to the assessor's concurrence.

The City of Rochester Hills has sixty days from receipt of this letter in which to adopt a resolution to opt-out of the exemption of the alternative energy personal property from local personal property taxes.

The Avondale School District also has sixty days from receipt of this letter in which to adopt a resolution to opt out of specific school-related taxes levied against the personal property.

The enclosed State Tax Commission Bulletin No. 18 of 2002 provides further information about the alternative energy certifications and the opt-out provisions. Also enclosed is a copy of Public Act 549 of 2002 which created the new exemption.

Personal property acquired by Energy Conversion Devices, LLC prior to January 1, 2013 may be eligible for certification as Alternative Energy Personal Property by the MNEA in future years. The City of Rochester Hills and the Avondale School District will be notified of any future certification and will have sixty days in which to adopt a resolution to opt-out of the exemption on that personal property.

If you have questions, please contact me at 517-335-4418.

Sincerely,

Karen Ammarman
Secretary to the MNEA Board

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