



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

SAVINGS THAT COUNT, IMPACT THAT LASTS.

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES STRONG

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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

25 YEARS



As we reflect on 2025, I am proud of what NOPEC has accomplished on behalf of our member communities. We remained focused on our core mission—delivering stable, competitively priced electricity and natural gas—while continuing to prove that our impact extends well beyond the meter. Through strong partnerships and commitment to local priorities, NOPEC helped communities across Ohio advance projects that strengthen neighborhoods, expand opportunity, and improve quality of life.

This year, we took important steps to meet communities where they are. We launched Neighborhood Next with a pilot in Conneaut and upcoming expansion into Warren, helping revitalize abandoned properties and supporting affordable, energy-efficient homeownership. We launched Ennovate Advisors to help communities and businesses with higher energy usage secure competitive rates by managing multiple supplier bids for them, eliminating the administrative burden. And through NOPEC's Energized Community (NEC) Grants, we continued to invest directly in member-driven initiatives, helping provide funding for projects that deliver tangible improvements within our member communities.

We are equally proud of the ways NOPEC supported learning and connection at the community level. Our education initiatives, including the sponsorship of energy education programming for Ohio schools and busing for students from Title I schools to visit the Great Lakes Science Center, helped make energy education more accessible to students and educators across Ohio. And by sponsoring local events, NOPEC backed the festivals, programs, and gatherings that bring residents together and celebrate what makes each community unique.

Thank you to our members, partners, and staff for your leadership and trust. Together, we will continue to deliver energy solutions—and beyond—that help Ohio communities thrive.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William S. Koons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DR. BILL KOONS, CHAIRMAN

EMPOWERING OHIO COMMUNITIES THROUGH AGGREGATION, EDUCATION, AND ADVOCACY

25 YEARS



AGGREGATE

Using the collective buying power of 250 Ohio communities, we are able to negotiate for lower energy rates and better terms and conditions.



EDUCATE

We provide educational tools and resources to help communities, residents, and small businesses conserve energy and save on their energy bills.



ADVOCATE

We protect Ohio energy customers by fighting for consumer-friendly energy policies and challenging utility rate increases.

NOPEC exists to serve its member communities and their residents and small businesses by aggregating, educating, and advocating for them.

Our goal is threefold:
to support thriving communities, protect our planet and operate with integrity.

NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRIC COMMUNITIES

Ashtabula County

Ashtabula
Ashtabula Township
Conneaut
Geneva
Geneva-on-the-Lake
Geneva Township
Harpersfield Township
Jefferson Township
Jefferson Village
Kingsville Township
North Kingsville Village
Plymouth Township
Saybrook Township

Columbiana County

Fairfield Township
Hanover Township
Hanoverton Village
Perry Township

Cuyahoga County

Beachwood
Bedford
Bedford Heights
Bentleyville
Berea
Bratenahl
Brecksville
Broadview Heights
Brook Park
Brooklyn
Brooklyn Heights Village
Chagrin Falls
Chagrin Falls Township
Cleveland Heights
Cuyahoga Heights
East Cleveland
Fairview Park
Garfield Heights
Gates Mills
Glenwillow
Highland Heights
Highland Hills Village
Hunting Valley
Independence
Lakewood
Linddale Village
Lyndhurst
Maple Heights
Mayfield Heights

Mayfield Village
Middleburg Heights
Moreland Hills
Newburg Heights
North Olmsted
North Randall
North Royalton
Oakwood Village
Olmsted Falls
Olmsted Township
Orange Village
Parma
Parma Heights
Pepper Pike
Richmond Heights
Rocky River
Seven Hills
Solon
South Euclid
Strongsville
University Heights
Valley View
Walton Hills Village
Warrensville Heights
Woodmere Village

Franklin County

Reynoldsburg

Geauga County

Auburn Township
Bainbridge Township
Burton Township
Burton Village
Chardon
Chester Township
Claridon Township
Hambden Township
Huntsburg Township
Middlefield Village
Montville Township
Munson Township
Newbury Township
Russell Township
South Russell Village

Huron County

Norwalk

Lake County

Concord Township
Eastlake
Fairport Harbor
Grand River
Kirtland
Kirtland Hills Village

Lakeline Village
Leroy Township
Madison Township
Madison Village
Mentor
Mentor-on-the-Lake
Painesville Township
Perry Township
Perry Village
Timberlake
Waite Hill
Wickliffe
Willoughby
Willoughby Hills
Willowick

Lorain County

Amherst Township
Avon
Avon Lake
Carlisle Township
Columbia Township
Eaton Township
Elyria
Elyria Township
Grafton Township
New Russia Township
North Ridgeville
Pittsfield Township
Sheffield Lake
Sheffield Township
Sheffield Village
South Amherst
Vermilion

Mahoning County

Beaver Township
Berlin Township
Ellsworth Township
Goshen Township
Green Township
Jackson Township
Milton Township
Sebring Village
Smith Township
Springfield Township

Medina County

Brunswick
Chippewa Lake
Gloria Glens

Portage County

Atwater Township
Brimfield Township
Charlestown Township

Deerfield Township
Edinburg Township
Franklin Township
Freedom Township
Garrettsville
Hiram Township
Hiram Village
Kent
Mantua Township
Nelson Township
Palmyra Township
Paris Township
Randolph Township
Ravenna Township
Rootstown Township
Shalersville Township
Suffield Township
Sugar Bush Knolls
Windham Township

Richland County

Lexington Village

Seneca County

Tiffin

Stark County

Alliance

Summit County

Boston Heights Village
Clinton Village
Lakemore Village
Macedonia
Northfield Village
Norton
Reminderville
Richfield Village
Sagamore Hills Township

Trumbull County

Liberty Township
Warren

Wayne County

Rittman

NATURAL GAS COMMUNITIES

Athens County

Athens

Columbiana County

Butler Township
Knox Township
Leetonia Village
Middleton Township

Unity Township
West Township

Cuyahoga County

Cleveland

Geauga County

Troy Township

Lake County

North Perry Village

Lorain County

Lorain
Penfield Township

Summit County

Bath Township
Boston Township
Copley Township
Coventry Township
Cuyahoga Falls
Green
New Franklin
Northfield Center Township
Richfield Township
Springfield Township
Twinsburg Township

Trumbull County

Newton Falls

ELECTRIC COMMUNITIES

Ashtabula County

Andover Township
Austinburg Township
Cherry Valley Township
Colebrook Township
Denmark Township
Dorset Township
Hartsgrove Township
Lenox Township
Monroe Township
Morgan Township
New Lyme Township

MEMBER COMMUNITIES 2025

Orwell Township
Orwell Village
Pierpont Township
Richmond Township
Roaming Shores Village
Rock Creek
Rome Township
Sheffield Township
Trumbull Township
Wayne Township
Williamsfield Township
Windsor Township

Clark County

Springfield

Fairfield County

Lancaster

Geauga County

Chardon Township
Middlefield Township
Parkman Township
Thompson Township

Lorain County

LaGrange Township

Mahoning County

Canfield Township
Coitsville Township

Richland County

Madison Township

Stark County

Massillon
North Canton
Paris Township

Summit County

Peninsula Village
Twinsburg

Trumbull County

McDonald Village

GROWING TOGETHER AND GIVING BACK

25 YEARS OF SERVING OHIO COMMUNITIES

For 25 years, NOPEC has existed for one simple reason: to serve. What began in 2000 as a collaborative effort among 95 communities in eight Ohio counties has grown into one of the nation's largest and most impactful energy aggregations. Today, NOPEC represents hundreds of communities across Ohio, united by the belief that working together creates greater value, stronger consumer protection, and more opportunities for the residents and small businesses we serve. From the start, NOPEC's success has been driven by local leadership and a shared commitment to public service.



Partnering with United Way of Lake County, NOPEC staff helped assemble birthday-to-go kits so families facing hardship can celebrate their children's special day. It's one small way we give back and support the communities we serve.

Over the years, NOPEC has evolved beyond its original mission of securing competitive electricity and natural gas pricing. Through grants, lending programs, consumer protection initiatives, education, and advocacy, NOPEC has reinvested hundreds of millions of dollars into member communities. These efforts support infrastructure improvements, energy efficiency projects, neighborhood revitalization, and public safety, demonstrating that aggregation is not just about energy, but about building stronger, more resilient communities across Ohio.

At its core, NOPEC aggregates, educates, and advocates to maximize benefits and investments for the communities we serve. For a quarter century, that mission has guided the organization through growth, innovation, and change. As NOPEC looks ahead to its next 25 years, the focus remains firmly on service—helping communities navigate an evolving energy landscape, advancing sustainability and resiliency, and protecting consumers—while remaining grounded in the same collaborative spirit that has defined NOPEC since its founding.



SERVING
COMMUNITIES
FOR
25 YEARS

Since 2001, we've saved residents and small businesses **hundreds of millions of dollars** by negotiating competitive energy rates, challenging utility rate increases, and fighting for consumer-friendly energy policies.

Nearly
\$57.8m
Community Energy
Efficiency Grants
Awarded

\$13m
Total PACE/STEP
Funding

\$2.3m
Community
Event Sponsorships

Nearly
\$156.5m
in EarthEra
contributions

Over
13.7m
RECs retired

2,086
Grant Projects
Funded

35
Projects Financed
Through STEP and PACE

250
Number
of Communities

Sponsored STEM
Education for over
24k
students

NUMBER
OF
CUSTOMERS
IN 2025

OVER
938
THOUSAND



25
YEARS

A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO STABILITY, VALUE, AND OPPORTUNITY

In 2025, NOPEC reached a major milestone by completing a comprehensive, 20-month national bidding process to secure new long-term electric and natural gas supply contracts. Following a rigorous evaluation of qualified suppliers, competitive bidding, and detailed negotiations, NOPEC's Board of Directors approved a nine-year agreement with NextEra Energy Services, extending a trusted partnership that will carry NOPEC communities through 2036. This long-term approach reflects NOPEC's commitment to thoughtful planning, disciplined risk management, and delivering reliable value in an increasingly volatile energy market.

For NOPEC communities, this renewed contract provides stability and predictability while preserving the programs and benefits members rely on. The agreement maintains NOPEC's core aggregation structure while locking in favorable rate terms and

ensuring continued investment in community-focused initiatives, including the NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant Program, with built-in adjustments for inflation over time. By extending the contract term, NOPEC was able to negotiate additional value for its members, strengthening its ability to buffer customers from market swings while continuing to deliver competitive pricing across both electricity and natural gas programs.

The renewed partnership also expands opportunities beyond traditional supply. As part of the agreement, Ohio-based NextEra professionals will work directly with NOPEC communities to support behind-the-meter solar development and other local sustainability and resiliency initiatives. In addition, NOPEC negotiated a significant reduction in the cost of its 100% Renewable Green Community Choice electric product, making clean energy more affordable and accessible for participating communities. Together, these enhancements position NOPEC and its members to advance resiliency, sustainability, and local priorities, demonstrating how long-term planning can create lasting benefits for communities across Ohio.



25 YEARS

RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE A WORKPLACE BUILT TO SERVE

In 2025, NOPEC was honored with the NorthCoast99 (NC99) Award, recognizing the organization as one of Northeast Ohio's top workplaces for talent. The award is based on employee feedback and a comprehensive review of workplace practices, and it reflects NOPEC's intentional focus on building a values-driven, high-performing culture. For an organization rooted in public service, this recognition affirms that how NOPEC works internally is just as important as the results it delivers externally.

Employee survey results highlighted NOPEC's strength in leadership, innovation, professional development, and engagement, with employees expressing strong alignment around the organization's mission and values. Notably, employees reported confidence in leadership's integrity, clarity of direction, and commitment to modeling NOPEC's core values—confident leader and thinker, humble and flexible, driven team player, intelligent with sound judgment, and integrity. This shared culture empowers employees to work on meaningful projects and serve communities with dedication and care.

For NOPEC communities, the NC99 recognition underscores something essential: strong outcomes begin with strong teams. A positive, engaged workplace enables NOPEC to better serve its 250 member communities and nearly one million customers across Ohio—delivering innovative programs, responsive support, and trusted advocacy. As NOPEC continues to grow and evolve, this award reflects an organizational foundation built to sustain excellence in service for years to come.



PROVIDING LOCAL BUSINESSES SAVINGS, CHOICE, AND EXPERTISE

NOPEC took a significant step forward in supporting its member communities by launching Ennovate Advisors, a new commercial and industrial advisory division designed to meet the evolving energy and resiliency needs of municipalities and businesses.



25
YEARS

ENNOVATE ADVISORS EXPANDING VALUE BEYOND AGGREGATION

In 2025, Ennovate Advisors was established to serve as a solution for businesses, municipalities, and non-profit organizations whose energy usage exceeds the thresholds set by the PUCO for aggregation programs yet still require the specialized expertise and support that an organization like NOPEC provides. NOPEC can now offer tailored, competitive energy solutions for commercial and industrial accounts throughout Ohio through Ennovate Advisors, while remaining firmly grounded in its mission of serving Ohio communities.

Through Ennovate Advisors, communities and businesses can gain access to individualized energy procurement strategies, sustainability planning, and resiliency support. The program allows NOPEC to competitively bid each load separately, unlocking additional

savings opportunities and greater flexibility for municipalities, governments, and medium- to large-scale businesses. As part of this evolution, NOPEC is seamlessly transitioning communities participating in the Preferred Pricing Program to the Ennovate platform as existing contracts renew. The update builds on the program's strong foundation, preserving its core benefits while enhancing pricing competitiveness and customization. Together, Ennovate Advisors and the updated Preferred Pricing Program reflect NOPEC's commitment to continuous improvement, ensuring communities have access not only to affordable energy, but also to the expertise and tools needed to plan confidently for the future.



**Ennovate
Advisors**
A DIVISION OF NOPEC
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SPEAKING OUT FOR YOU EVERY DAY

ADVOCATING FOR OHIO ENERGY CONSUMERS

2025 was a very active and productive year for NOPEC's statewide advocacy efforts before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and Ohio legislators. It marked the 25th year NOPEC has been advocating for Ohio residents, businesses, and communities to protect energy consumers from unreasonable utility rate increases and unfair regulations, while preserving customer choice in Ohio. NOPEC's advocacy efforts, working in cooperation with the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), yielded hundreds of millions of dollars in rate reductions and refunds ordered for Ohio utility consumers.

OBTAINING A \$275 MILLION SETTLEMENT IN FIRSTENERGY HB6 ILLEGAL PAYMENTS CASE:

Together with the OCC and other parties, NOPEC litigated FirstEnergy's unlawful payments charged to Ohio ratepayers in connection with the HB6 scandal for almost 9 years in Case 17-974-EL-UNC et al. The case involved four audit case investigations opened by the PUCO regarding unlawful payments made by FirstEnergy that were included in the utilities' rates in connection with the HB6 scandal involving former FirstEnergy executives, former

PUCO Chair Randazzo, former Ohio Speaker of the House, and former lobbyists for FirstEnergy. NOPEC was instrumental in obtaining a \$275 million settlement in the case to be paid to Ohio consumers. This settlement will result in FirstEnergy residential electric customers receiving about \$65 in credits on their electric bills in 2026.

ENBRIDGE EAST OHIO GAS RATE DECREASE ORDERED:

In PUCO Case No 23-894-GA-AIR, et al., the PUCO denied Enbridge East Ohio's application to increase its gas distribution rates in Ohio by about \$275 million per year and instead ordered a \$10 million rate reduction. NOPEC intervened in the case opposing the rate increase. We worked with the OCC and PUCO staff to obtain this rate reduction for the company's Ohio gas consumers.

INCREASING RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN OHIO:

In the Ohio legislature, Substitute HB 197 – Community Solar in Ohio, would have authorized the development of community solar development in the State of Ohio. NOPEC worked with the bill's sponsoring organizations to support the bill which would increase renewable energy development in Ohio. While the bill did not pass in the 2025 Ohio legislative session, NOPEC will continue to support community solar development initiatives in the State of Ohio.

FIRSTENERGY OHIO UTILITIES' DISTRIBUTION BASE RATE INCREASE DENIED:

In PUCO Case No 24-468-EL-AIR, et al., the FirstEnergy Ohio utilities filed an application with the PUCO to increase their electric distribution rates by more than \$150 million per year. NOPEC, OCC, and others intervened and litigated this case. The PUCO issued an order that resulted in virtually no overall aggregate increase for FirstEnergy's three Ohio utilities, with a rate decrease ordered for Ohio Edison and Toledo Edison customers and a small increase for Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company.



COMMUNITY IMPACT ENERGY CHAMPION AWARDS



Chuck Keiper, Rep. Roy Klopfenstein

In 2025, NOPEC proudly introduced the inaugural NOPEC Energy Champion Award, recognizing state leaders whose commitment to fair, transparent, and pro-consumer energy policy has delivered meaningful benefits for Ohioans. The awards honored Senator Kent Smith, Representative Sean Brennan, Representative Roy Klopfenstein, and Senator Brian Chavez for their leadership on key energy legislation and advocacy efforts that promote competition, consumer protection, and accountability in Ohio's energy marketplace. By highlighting these champions of public service, NOPEC underscored the critical role that thoughtful policy leadership plays in protecting ratepayers, empowering local choice, and ensuring Ohio's energy future works for the communities it serves.



Joshua Burns, Sen. Kent Smith, Chuck Keiper



Joshua Burns, Rep. Sean Brennan, Chuck Keiper



Mayor William Koons, Sen. Brian Chavez, Chuck Keiper



GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES

REINVESTING IN COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE NEC GRANT PROGRAM

Since its launch in 2018, the NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant Program has reinvested the benefits of aggregation directly back into the communities NOPEC serves. The NEC Grant has supported over 2,000 projects since program inception in 2018, helping local governments fund improvements that reduce energy use, strengthen public facilities, and deliver long-term operational savings. In 2025 alone, NOPEC awarded over \$4.5 million, contributing to a total of over \$57.5 million in energy efficiency grants since 2010. From HVAC upgrades and energy-efficient building improvements to security systems, infrastructure enhancements, and sustainability projects, the NEC Grant Program reflects NOPEC's commitment to turning collective buying power into visible, lasting community impact.

NEARLY
\$4.5
MILLION

TOTAL
GRANTS
AWARDED
IN 2025



COMMUNITY IMPACT

MAKING SUSTAINABLE
CHOICES EASIER FOR
ATHENS HOUSEHOLDS

In 2025, the City of Athens put its NEC Grant funding to work through the VoLTaGE Program, a local rebate initiative designed to help residents transition from gas-powered lawn equipment to cleaner, electric alternatives. Using their NEC Grant funds, Athens offered rebates to residents who purchased new battery-powered or plug-in electric equipment, such as push mowers, string trimmers, leaf blowers, and hedge trimmers, while responsibly disposing of their old gas-powered tools. The program made it easier for households to adopt quieter, lower-emission equipment while reinforcing the city's commitment to sustainability at the neighborhood level.

By pairing financial incentives with proper disposal requirements, the VoLTaGE Program encouraged meaningful behavioral change while reducing small-engine emissions that impact air quality and community health. Athens' use of NEC Grant funds demonstrates how even modest investments can empower residents to make environmentally responsible choices, advance local climate goals, and deliver tangible benefits that residents can see and experience in their own yards and neighborhoods.



WORKING TOGETHER TO SAVE ON ENERGY

SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY AUDIT PROGRAM

NOPEC's Small Business Energy Audit Program helps local businesses lower costs, reduce energy use, and plan confidently for the future. Through this program, NOPEC provides funding for professional energy audits that identify efficiency opportunities, cost-saving upgrades, and financing pathways tailored to each business. In 2025, NOPEC invested \$133,791 to support 14

completed energy audits, bringing total program funding to \$219,724 over the years. By pairing technical expertise with direct financial support, this program empowers small businesses to improve operations, cut emissions, and remain resilient, demonstrating NOPEC's commitment to thinking beyond energy and investing where it matters most.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

TIFFIN BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Through NOPEC's Small Business Energy Audit Program, early-stage energy planning helped shape the redevelopment of the Tiffin Boutique Hotel by putting efficiency and long-term performance at the center of decision-making. Before construction and major investments were finalized, the energy audit provided project leaders with a clearer understanding of building systems, identified efficiency opportunities, and supported informed choices that aligned operational goals with financial sustainability.

The audit findings later informed the hotel's 2025 PACE project, which included roof insulation, LED lighting upgrades, high-efficiency heat pumps, and an energy recovery ventilator. By pairing energy analysis with financing tools and local economic development support, this project demonstrates how the Small Business Energy Audit Program can strengthen downtown revitalization efforts. In Tiffin, efficiency planning helped ensure that a historic redevelopment was not only preserved, but positioned for long-term viability, supporting both the local economy and responsible energy use for years to come.



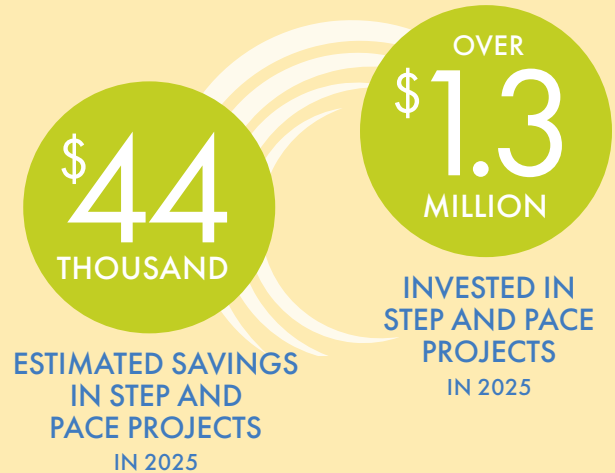
IMPACTING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

FLEXIBLE FINANCING FOR MEANINGFUL ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS

NOPEC's Energy Efficiency Financing Programs—Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) and Savings Through Efficiency Program (STEP)—provide commercial properties, nonprofits, and NOPEC member communities with financing to turn long-term energy savings into immediate action. By reducing upfront cost barriers, these programs make it easier to invest in energy efficiency, resiliency, and sustainability improvements that strengthen facilities, support economic development, and lower operating costs over time. PACE offers off-balance sheet financing with rates as low as 5% for projects up to \$1 million, allowing projects to be repaid through property assessments aligned with the useful life of improvements, while STEP provides quick, simple, low-interest loans starting at 5% for projects up to \$125,000.

In 2025, NOPEC's PACE program continued to be a powerful tool for helping communities and businesses move forward with critical upgrades by removing upfront cost barriers and enabling

financing over time. Across its footprint, NOPEC financed two PACE projects and one STEP project in 2025, investing over \$1.3 million in energy-efficiency improvements. Together, these programs reinforce NOPEC's broader goal to think beyond energy and deliver practical, community-driven solutions that create lasting value for the communities it serves.



2025 PROJECTS	PROJECT TYPE	COMMUNITY	FINANCED	IMPROVEMENTS	ANNUAL ESTIMATED SAVINGS
Tiffin Hotel	PACE	Tiffin	\$1,000,000	Roof insulation, LED light fixtures, high efficiency heat pumps, energy recovery ventilator	\$36,400
Ashtabula County Land Bank R-PACE Pilot	PACE	Conneaut	\$260,000	New build elements; including roofing, insulation, electrical systems, and HVAC	\$1,568
2915 Detroit Ave, LLC	STEP	Cleveland	\$125,000	HVAC	\$5,400

COMMUNITY IMPACT NEIGHBORHOOD NEXT

When communities across Ohio raised concerns about abandoned properties and their challenges in restoring deteriorating neighborhoods, NOPEC responded by creating Neighborhood Next, a first-of-its-kind program designed to bring homes, families, and long-term stability back to the places that need it most. In 2025, NOPEC launched its pilot project in Conneaut, Ohio, partnering with the county land bank and local leaders to develop four high-quality, energy-efficient homes. These residences are being sold to low- and moderate-income families and veterans, providing affordable homeownership while placing residents directly into the modern energy economy. Through the program's structure, homeowners are expected to begin with approximately 66% equity in their homes, helping to build immediate financial stability and long-term wealth. By combining NOPEC's financial tools, efficiency expertise, and community partnerships, Neighborhood Next demonstrates how thinking beyond energy can help rebuild neighborhoods and create lasting community impact.



PUTTING YOU FIRST EVERDAY

CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY GATHER

Through the Community Event Sponsorship Program, NOPEC supports member communities by funding local events such as movie nights, concerts, food drives, recycling days, and other community gatherings that bring residents together. These sponsorships also create opportunities for NOPEC's Community Outreach team to be present at events across its footprint, bringing the Energy Education Station directly to residents to

answer questions, share trusted energy information, and provide educational resources. By meeting people where they live, celebrate, and connect, NOPEC strengthens community relationships while advancing its mission to educate and serve.

OVER
\$**280**
THOUSAND

AWARDED
SPONSORSHIP
DOLLARS
IN 2025



COMMUNITY IMPACT

THE CITY OF LORAIN'S 2025 FOAM PARTY



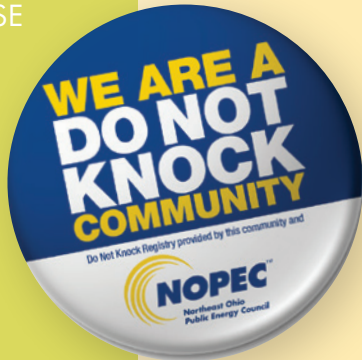
For the City of Lorain, a \$1,000 Community Event Sponsorship was more than support for a single event—it marked a turning point for community programming. After years without Parks Department-led events, Lorain used its sponsorship funds to host a Foam Party, helping launch the department's first large-scale community gathering in nearly 25 years. The event represented a renewed commitment to bringing residents together and reintroducing accessible, family-friendly programming in city parks.

Lorain's Parks Department is in the process of rebuilding after years of reduced staffing, growing from just four employees to a team of ten and a newly created Parks & Recreation Coordinator position. This sponsorship helped provide both the resources and confidence to take the next step. As Administrative Assistant Linda O'Connor shared, "We are excited that NOPEC is helping us create programming for our community. It's been a long time coming, and our citizens deserve this." By helping communities like Lorain reignite local programming, the Community Event Sponsorship program supports more than events—it helps restore connection, momentum, and pride at the neighborhood level.

CONSUMER PROTECTION IN ACTION

NOPEC'S DO NOT KNOCK PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN THESE COMMUNITIES.

Alliance
Athens
Auburn Township
Brecksville
Brook Park
Concord Township
Eastlake
Glenwillow
Highland Hills
Lyndhurst
Maple Heights
Mayfield Heights
Mentor-on-the-Lake
Middleburg Heights
Middlefield Village
New Franklin
Newburgh Heights
Northfield Center
Painesville Township
Parma
Reminderville
Richmond Heights
Roaming Shores
Tiffin
University Heights
Warren
Wickliffe
Willowick



PEACE OF MIND STARTS AT THE FRONT DOOR

NOPEC's Do Not Knock Program helps protect residents from unwanted for-profit door-to-door solicitation by providing a simple, community-wide solution. After receiving repeated reports of aggressive and unethical door-to-door solicitation in NOPEC member communities, we decided to give residents a clear and effective way to avoid solicitors and feel safer in their homes. NOPEC manages the program end-to-end, offering multiple ways for residents to enroll, maintaining the official registry, and mailing window clings to participating households. When solicitors operate in a community, local officials can provide them with the NOPEC-maintained registry identifying which homes and businesses must be avoided. By the end of 2025, the program was serving over 20,000 households in 28 communities, reinforcing NOPEC's commitment to consumer protection, public safety, and quality of life across its footprint.



SUPPORTING RESILIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN NOPEC MEMBER COMMUNITIES

In 2025, NOPEC continued to demonstrate its dedication to strengthening communities across the region by championing resiliency and sustainability initiatives. Recognizing that none of our success happens in isolation, NOPEC celebrates the vital contributions of local leadership, community members, partner organizations, and regional coalitions that collectively fortify Ohio's sustainability ecosystem. For that, we thank you!

ACCELERATE 2025

We believe that for innovation to thrive, communities need platforms where bold ideas can take root. That's why NOPEC proudly sponsored the creation of the Climate & Energy Innovation category at the Cleveland Leadership Center's Accelerate 2025 event. This initiative provided everyday citizens with the
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Cleveland Leadership Center's Accelerate 2025



SUPPORTING RESILIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN NOPEC MEMBER COMMUNITIES *Continued*

opportunity to pitch creative solutions for building a more sustainable and resilient Northeast Ohio.

S.T.A.R. PROGRAM

Launched as a pilot last year, NOPEC's Sustainable Technical Assistance Resources (S.T.A.R.) program provided fully funded opportunities for six member communities to conduct greenhouse gas inventories and solar-readiness assessments. These efforts were made possible through a strategic partnership with World Kinect. Building on the success of this pilot, NOPEC expanded its outreach in 2025, inviting additional communities to participate and benefit from these critical sustainability assessments.

The communities who participated in one or more of the S.T.A.R. program offerings in 2025 include Cleveland Heights, Lakewood, Kent, Warren, South Euclid, and Avon Lake.

NOPEC'S SOLSMART COHORT

By offering resources and technical assistance through the 2025 NOPEC SolSmart Cohort, NOPEC enabled 20 communities to better prepare for the transition to renewable energy sources by unlocking pathways to local solar investment and job creation with many of the communities earning bronze or silver SolSmart designation.

OSU SUSTAINABILITY ENERGY ACCELERATOR CHALLENGE

This same spirit of innovation guided our partnership with The Ohio State University, where we jointly sponsored and launched the inaugural Sustainability Energy Accelerator challenge. By linking academic study with real-world problem solving, we empowered 28 students from 16 programs to address energy and sustainability issues over the course of a week, resulting in practical, data-driven recommendations for our region.

RENEWABLE CONTENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY

NOPEC has also increased the renewable content in its default electricity program to 25% for all customers, helping Ohio residents adopt clean energy more easily. Additionally, NOPEC has negotiated a 53% lower REC adder, so households in Green Community Choice Communities pay only \$1.75 more per month for energy backed by renewable energy credits for 100% of the electricity used.

As NOPEC looks ahead, its continued focus on supporting local governments and advancing sustainable practices remains central to its vision for a stronger, more resilient region.



NOPEC & Ohio State University's Sustainability Accelerator Collaboration

COMMUNITY IMPACT SOLSMART COHORT

In 2025, 20 communities (including NOPEC) completed the NOPEC SolSmart Cohort, a regional initiative helping communities implement best practices for local solar permitting, planning, and zoning, making solar energy more accessible and affordable for residents and businesses.

Participating communities included Akron, Avon Lake, Bedford Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, East Cleveland, Garfield Heights, Geneva, Lorain, Munroe Falls, North Royalton, Oakwood Village, Olmsted Township, Orange Village, Richfield, Solon, South Euclid, South Russell, University Heights, and Warrensville. NOPEC participated as a regional entity.

For NOPEC, the cohort reflects our commitment to being more than an energy supplier—we're a partner that helps

communities move from goals to implementation. By convening peers, providing expertise, and reducing barriers to action, NOPEC is helping communities prepare for a changing energy landscape and build a foundation for long-term resiliency.

The SolSmart system has four designation levels based on community readiness for solar adoption. Several NOPEC SolSmart Communities earned SolSmart designations: NOPEC (Silver), Akron (Silver), Olmsted Township (Silver), Solon (Bronze), Avon Lake (Bronze), North Royalton (Bronze), South Russell (Bronze), Garfield Heights (Bronze), and Munroe Falls (Bronze). They join a prestigious group of over 600 communities across the nation that have earned a SolSmart designation.

City of North Royalton
Earns SolSmart
Bronze Designation



NOPEC Earns SolSmart Silver Designation

City of Akron and
Munroe Falls Earns
SolSmart Bronze Designation



City of Solon Earns SolSmart
Bronze Designation



City of Solon Earns SolSmart
Bronze Designation

INVALUABLE RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

EDUCATING, ENGAGING, AND INSPIRING OHIO COMMUNITIES

Through strategic partnerships with trusted regional organizations, NOPEC continued to expand its community presence in 2025 while delivering hands-on energy education and meaningful engagement opportunities for residents of all ages. From classrooms and libraries to major cultural institutions and community events, these partnerships helped connect thousands of Ohioans with practical, accessible energy education.



WILD WINTER LIGHTS

NOPEC once again partnered with the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo as part of the annual Wild Winter Lights event, which attracted 72,219 visitors during the 2025 season. NOPEC's presence included educational displays demonstrating the energy efficiency of LED lighting, showing how 2,000 LED bulbs use roughly the same amount of energy as just 200 incandescent bulbs. NOPEC staff also brought the Energy Bike to help families learn firsthand how energy is generated, reinforcing energy efficiency concepts in an interactive and memorable way.



GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER

NOPEC continued its partnership with the Great Lakes Science Center in 2025 by supporting outreach efforts focused on student engagement and hands-on learning. NOPEC staffed an outreach table at the Science Center five times throughout 2025, reaching families and visitors with energy education resources. In addition, NOPEC's wind turbine exhibit continued to provide visitors with hands-on opportunities to explore how renewable energy is generated. Through NOPEC's inaugural busing initiative, 14 Title I schools from Ashtabula and Cuyahoga counties participated, bringing approximately 1,000 students for educational experiences.





MOVIE NIGHTS AT BLOSSOM WITH THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA

In 2025, NOPEC served as the presenting sponsor of five Movie Nights at Blossom Music Center with the Cleveland Orchestra. The summer lineup included Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone and The Lion King, drawing a combined 39,202 attendees across all performances. These events offered families a unique opportunity to experience live orchestral performances while enjoying beloved films in an outdoor setting.



LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS

NOPEC continued its long-standing partnership with the Lake County Captains in 2025, reaching an estimated 200,000 fans over the course of the season. Sponsorship elements included the NOPEC Energy Meter, on-field signage, community-focused promotions, and educational programming. Highlights included a Science is Cool night, which welcomed 3,454 fans, and the Captains' Halloween Trick-or-Treat Fest, which saw 2,500 pre-registered attendees. These events provided fun, family-friendly settings to engage residents with energy education.



THE CLEVELAND MONSTERS

NOPEC's partnership with the Cleveland Monsters continued to grow in 2025, highlighted by NOPEC's presenting sponsorship of the annual Teddy Bear Toss game. The event welcomed 16,248 attendees, marking the highest regular-season attendance since 2019, and resulted in the collection of 30,164 stuffed animals donated to local organizations, including the Russell Township Fire Department and Forbes House in Lake County. NOPEC also served as a sponsor of the Monsters' Junior Starters Program, further supporting youth engagement across Northeast Ohio.





OHIO ENERGY PROJECT (OEP)

NOPEC continued its long-standing partnership with the Ohio Energy Project (OEP) in 2025, supporting hands-on energy education for students across the state. During the 2024-2025 school year, 4,027 students from 46 schools, representing 29 school districts across 14 counties, participated in OEP programming.

Since partnering with OEP in 2017, NOPEC has helped deliver energy education to more than 24,000 students statewide, with the Wind Design Challenge becoming a key component of programming beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. Through interactive lessons and real-world applications, OEP programs help students better understand energy generation, efficiency, and sustainability concepts in the classroom.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Beyond regional sponsorships, NOPEC delivered energy education directly to communities across the region through outreach programs. In 2025, NOPEC participated in 110 total outreach events, including library programs, Energy 101 presentations for adults, school programs, and community events. Library programming featured interactive experiences such as the Energy Bike and Energy Explorers Stations, helping residents of all ages better understand how energy works and how to use it more efficiently.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

INVESTING IN EQUITY THROUGH EDUCATION

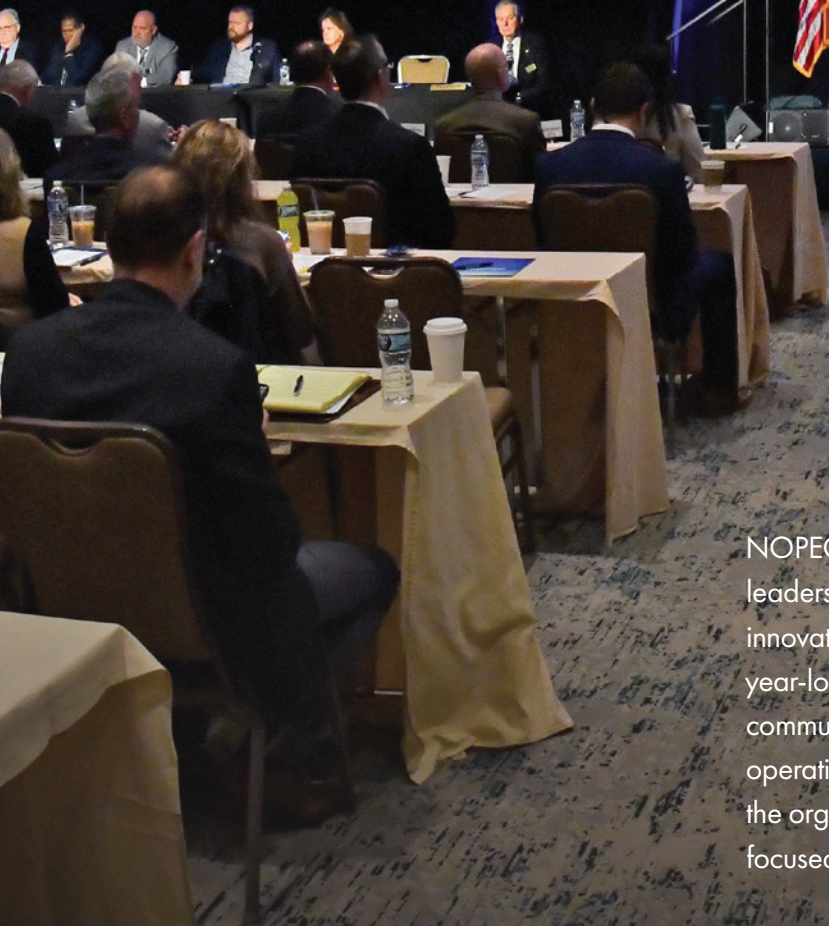


Access to hands-on STEM education can be transformative. But for many Title I schools, the cost of transportation is often the biggest barrier to field trips beyond the classroom. Through NOPEC's newest initiative with the Great Lakes Science Center, NOPEC helped remove that barrier by funding transportation for students from schools that otherwise might not have been able to participate. In 2025, this initiative supported visits for students from 14 Title I schools in Ashtabula and Cuyahoga counties.

As a result, roughly 1,000 students were able to explore the Science Center, many for the first time, engaging with interactive exhibits that spark curiosity and bring science, technology, and energy concepts to life. By addressing transportation costs head-on, the busing program expanded educational opportunities while reinforcing NOPEC's commitment to equity, outreach, and long-term community investment. The program demonstrates how targeted support can create meaningful experiences for students and help inspire the next generation of problem-solvers, innovators, and energy leaders.



2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS



NOPEC's 2025 General Assembly brought together leaders from across Ohio to reflect on a year of growth, innovation, and advocacy, while also closing out NOPEC's year-long 25th anniversary celebration. Member communities heard comprehensive updates on NOPEC's operations, governance, and strategic priorities, reinforcing the organization's role as a member-driven organization focused on delivering long-term value.



Mayor William Koons



Deepa Vedavyas,
NOPEC's Director of
Resiliency & Sustainability



Aaron Marcovy
Chief Business Development Officer

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director and CEO Chuck Keiper highlighted NOPEC's evolution over its 25-year history, from a small group of founding communities to one of the largest public energy aggregations in the country. He shared updates on NOPEC's expanding footprint, continued delivery of competitive and stable pricing, and the successful renewal of a nine-year electric and natural gas supply contract. Chuck also emphasized NOPEC's broad portfolio of programs, including consumer protection initiatives, advocacy successes, and sustainability offerings, underscoring NOPEC's mission to aggregate, educate, and advocate in service of Ohio communities.

RESILIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

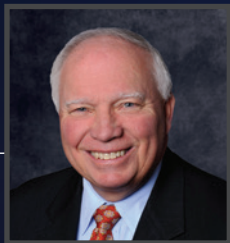
Deepa Vedavyas, NOPEC's Director of Resiliency and Sustainability, emphasized NOPEC's role as a true partner to communities as they move from sustainability goals to real-world implementation. She noted progress with initiatives like the S.T.A.R. pilot, supporting six communities with greenhouse gas inventories and solar-readiness, and the SolSmart cohort, which assisted 20 Ohio communities in streamlining solar permitting. Deepa also shared that NOPEC negotiated a 53% reduction in the cost of its 100% Green Community Choice product adder, making renewable electricity more affordable.



Energy Legislation Panel: Moderator Dave Jankowski, Ohio Consumers' Counsel Maureen Willis, State Senator Brian Chavez, and NOPEC General Counsel Glenn Krassen.

TRIBUTE TO TOM CHEMA

During the 2025 General Assembly, we honored the memory of Tom Chema, Chairman of the NOPEC Inc. Board, who passed away unexpectedly earlier in the year. Chuck Keiper reflected on Tom's legacy, describing him as a visionary leader whose guidance fostered growth and progress within NOPEC and beyond. He was also recognized as a mentor, trusted advisor, and valued colleague whose influence continues to benefit communities throughout Ohio.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Aaron Marcovy, NOPEC's Chief Business Development Officer, reported that over the past year, NOPEC streamlined its operations by integrating Economic Development and Community Investment with Relationship Management and Government Affairs. This change enabled more efficient collaboration and engagement for its 250 member communities, including over 4,000 tracked Relationship Management activities in 2025. Marcovy also highlighted the NOPEC Energized Community Grant Program, which has awarded over \$4.5 million in 2025 to member communities. He also announced the launch of Neighborhood Next, a partnership using NOPEC's PACE program to revitalize abandoned properties through affordable, energy-efficient homeownership.

NOPEC FOUNDATION REPORT

NOPEC Foundation Board Chair Joe Ruby provided an update on the Foundation's continued growth and impact. He shared that 2025 marked a record year for grantmaking, with funding supporting nonprofits and community organizations across NOPEC's footprint. Foundation investments addressed a wide range of needs, from food security and housing stability to workforce development, environmental restoration, and emergency services, reinforcing the Foundation's mission to serve neighbors and strengthen communities throughout Ohio.



ENERGY LEGISLATION & REGULATION PANEL

Following the General Assembly, attendees participated in a Lunch and Learn panel discussion on energy legislation and regulation, featuring Ohio Consumers' Counsel Maureen Willis, State Senator Brian Chavez, and NOPEC General Counsel Glenn Krassen. The panel offered timely insights into regulatory proceedings, legislative developments, and advocacy efforts affecting Ohio ratepayers. The discussion reinforced the importance of collaboration and informed engagement as NOPEC continues working to ensure fair, transparent, and consumer-focused energy policy.

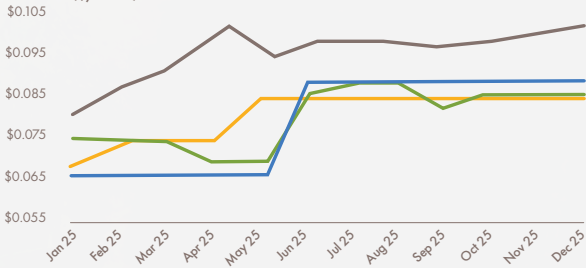
STABILITY YOU CAN TRUST

In an energy landscape marked by volatility and rising costs, NOPEC remained focused in 2025 on delivering stable, predictable pricing for residents and small businesses. Through disciplined hedging strategies and long-term planning, NOPEC continued to shield customers from sharp market swings, providing confidence, consistency, and value across both electric and natural gas programs.

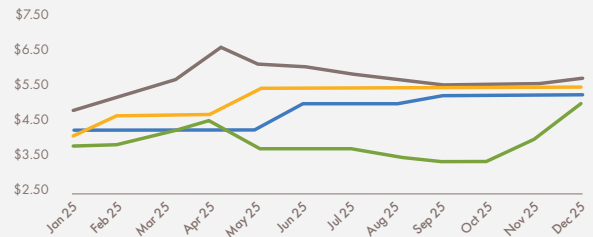
STABLE, AFFORDABLE ENERGY RATES

NOPEC negotiates stable, competitive electric and natural gas rates for residents and small businesses in member communities.

**NOPEC FIRSTENERGY (FE)
ELECTRIC RESIDENTIAL PRICE VS. OTHER MARKET OPTIONS
(\$/KWH)**

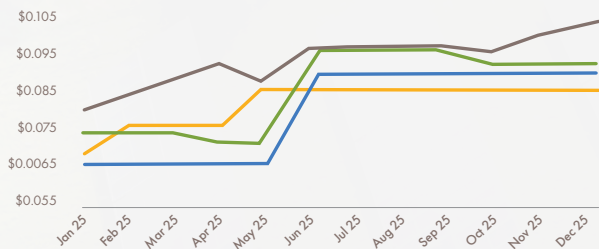


**NOPEC ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO (EGO)
PRICE VS. OTHER MARKET OPTIONS
(\$/MCF)**

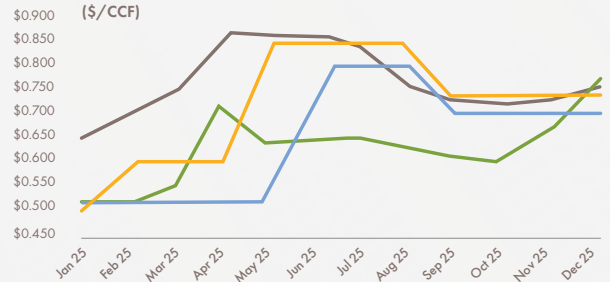


■ NOPEC PROGRAM PRICE ■ NOPEC VARIABLE PRICE ■ NOPEC 12-MONTH FIXED TERM PRICE ■ OTHER MARKET PRICE

**NOPEC AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER (AEP)
ELECTRIC RESIDENTIAL PRICE VS. OTHER MARKET OPTIONS
(\$/KWH)**



**NOPEC COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO (COH)
PRICE VS. OTHER MARKET OPTIONS
(\$/CCF)**



ELECTRIC CHART PRICE COMPARISON NOTES:

1. NOPEC's FE Program Price is blended for the FE Residential Portfolio (CEI/OE 66%/34%)
2. NOPEC Variable Price (FE & AEP) is a 6% discount to the Utility's Price to Compare (PTC)
3. "Others" represents the blended average 12-month term offers published by the largest Retail Electric Suppliers* on EnergyChoice Ohio.gov and the PTC (FE 80%/20%; AEP 61%/39%).

* Includes the largest retail electric suppliers based on sales volume as reported in PUCO submitted annual reports as of YE 2024

NATURAL GAS CHARTS PRICE COMPARISON NOTES:

1. NOPEC Variable Price is \$0.02/MCF (or \$0.002/CCF) discount to the utility Standard Choice Offer (SCO).
2. "Others" represents the blended price of the average 12-month term offers published by the largest Retail Gas Suppliers* on EnergyChoiceOhio.gov and the SCO (DEO 76%/24%; COH 48%/52%)

* Includes largest retail gas suppliers based on sales volume as reported in PUCO submitted annual reports as of YE 2024



Auditor of State Award:

In recognition of its strong financial stewardship, NOPEC received an Auditor of State Award for its audited financial statements. This is the third consecutive cycle in which NOPEC has earned this distinction, maintaining a record of perfect audits.



NOPEC 2025 FINANCIALS

REVENUE	JAN - DEC 25 unaudited-preliminary	JAN - DEC 24 audited
Management Fees - Electric	8,301,972	7,347,642
Management Fees - Natural Gas	6,079,606	1,793,003
Grants - Electric & Natural Gas	4,801,270	4,744,640
Investment Income*	1,853,594	1,702,672
Program and Other Income	1,514,207	475,320
TOTAL REVENUES	22,568,649	16,063,277
EXPENSES		
Commercial Programs	191,299	109,035
Community Event Sponsorships	283,749	293,500
Legal Expense	763,253	179,195
Computer - IT Support	130,197	128,455
Professional Fees	36,606	103,148
Communications & Consulting	619,838	563,896
Grant to NOPEC, Inc.	6,947,453	5,054,500
Marketing and Support Services	2,231,226	1,686,234
Relationship Management	23,537	44,849
Office and Other General Expense	368,411	306,019
Staff Salaries	3,666,241	2,303,783
Staff Fringe Benefits	1,065,212	824,015
Meetings and Travel	271,676	277,554
Depreciation Expense	69,895	44,975
TOTAL EXPENSE	16,668,592	11,919,158
NET INCOME	5,900,057	4,112,090

NOTE: This report represents the most up-to-date information at the time of publication. *Investment Income does not include any unrealized portfolio gains/(losses) at year end. The effects of GASB 68/75 reporting (related to Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits) have been omitted as they have no financial bearing on the fiscal operation of NOPEC.

ENNOVATE ADVISORS:

A SMARTER WAY TO POWER MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

NOPEC's Preferred Pricing Program for municipal accounts is now delivered through Ennovate Advisors, a new division of NOPEC that brings an enhanced, expert-driven approach to municipal energy procurement. Through Ennovate Advisors, we can competitively shop your municipality's energy by quoting multiple major energy suppliers, so you don't have to. Each load is evaluated independently,

allowing communities to pursue pricing structures and contract terms that best align with their budgets and long-term goals. Backed by NOPEC's mission of public service, Ennovate Advisors helps communities go beyond traditional energy procurement, offering market insight, strategic guidance, and hands-on support so local governments can make confident, informed energy decisions.

For more information, contact Ennovate Advisors directly at 844-436-6682 or by emailing info@ennovate.com.



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