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MEMORANDUM FOR

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET 12/20/2022

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Emergency Information Collection Request – Output and

Outcome Metrics for Financial Assistance and Rebates

Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established in 5 C.F.R Part 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is requesting that the proposed information of collection, Output and Outcome Metrics for Financial Assistance and Rebates, be processed as an Emergency Clearance Information Collection Request (ICR) as referenced in 5 C.F.R. § 1320.13, Emergency processing.

DOE has determined that the information must be collected prior to the time periods established under Part 1320 of the regulation, and that this information is essential to DOE's implementation of its programs included in the Office for Science and Innovation and the Office of Infrastructure; the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58; commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation, or BIL); Executive Order (E.O.) 14052, Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act; and for the OMB requirements for grant and financial administration. As emphasized by OMB Memorandum M-22-12, implementation of BIL needs to be efficient and effective to deliver the best results, protect taxpayer dollars, and ensure public trust. Information gathered provides current information required to respond to the DOE Inspector General, OMB, congressional and consumer requests, and budget preparation.

We submit an emergency request at this point due the exigent need to obtain more information about program execution under BIL. The size and pace of program execution create an urgent need for DOE to collect certain information in order to adequately monitor, report, and ensure transparency and accountability. Reporting that demonstrates compliance with statutory requirements and progress toward achieving outcomes is critical to maintaining accountability to taxpayers and advancing equity priorities. DOE is therefore requesting an Emergency Clearance for a six-month approval period to collect a set of key cross-cutting metrics that will track across DOE programs to assess and communicate DOE's progress toward meeting key agency priorities, including creating quality jobs, supporting domestic manufacturing, increasing equity and justice, reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and providing pathways to private sector uptake. During this approval period, DOE will work to establish a regular submission of this ICR. DOE has submitted to the *Federal Register* a notice requesting comments from the public on or before January 20, 2023, on the proposed emergency collection.

We would appreciate if you could please provide an approval/disapproval determination of this request to collect information under an emergency clearance by noon on Monday, January 23, 2023.