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Mr. Frank Norcross, EE-2K U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585-1290

and

DOE Desk Officer
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Subject: DOE Recovery Act Reporting Requirements for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program

Dear Mr. Norcross and the DOE Desk Officer:

Orange County objects to the prospect of certain quarterly reporting data being required on a monthly basis. These proposed efforts are unnecessary as project metrics typically change little during a month's time, and can be adequately reported on a quarterly basis. With resources already tight, this additional reporting requirement puts a burden on the County. As our award successfully progresses in its rollout, it seems as though reporting requirements should relax and not tighten.

It is imperative that our County's maximum efforts be placed in execution of the funded activities and not unnecessarily tied to repetitious and continuous reporting.

Sincerely,

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