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Dear Mr Norcross,

This Agency is a sub-grantee of the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning with an ARRA budget of \$3,661,355.00 with a goal of 442 units as per the State Plan. With leveraging and current household averages it is the goal of this Agency to weatherize with ARRA dollars 700-800 units. This State has electric and natural gas utility programs and a Regional Green House Gas Initiative Program (with a mandated percentage to low income) which greatly increases the number of clients that we can serve.

In regards to the reporting requirements I must say that I understand the need for increased reporting as this funding is to be "transparent" but I have found the process to be, at times, a bump in the road to progress. To begin with, as the Agencies are the first to start the monthly billing/reporting requirements, the results are a shorter time line to prepare reports and invoicing to the Grantee so that their reports can get to DOE in the required time requirement. This involves a total restructuring of the fiscal process as we can no longer include an entire month's payroll and purchasing in the invoicing procedure. This requires constant adjustments to the general ledger as we go month to month. The following chart will summarize some of the added costs to the ARRA requirements

	Pre-ARRA Reporting	ARRA Reporting
Due dates	20th of month	3rd working day
Hrs required by Director	8	16
Hrs required by Admin Asst	12	20
Hrs required by Fiscal Dept	6	10
Hrs for Davis/Bacon reporting	0	16
Hrs for 1512 reporting	0	6

This is only my in-house employee tally. The added burden from the contractors for supplying the Davis Bacon weekly forms and hourly reporting is something I hear about weekly.

As a summary to this issue the value that I can put on the added reporting is approximately \$1432.00/month which equates to \$17,184.00 per year. I can not speak for the other 5 Agencies but as this Agency is a recipient of approximately 17% of the WAP funding that would translate to a statewide figure of \$101,082.00 per year or \$303,246 over the 3 year ARRA period. This would equate to another 75-80 homes to be weatherized (using the

statewide average).

As awareness to the paperwork that we are producing I have calculated my additional paper production from the required reporting over the 3 year ARRA period, converted it to a statewide number, and then using funding percentages convert this to a national number and then converting the paper to cellulose. So far I am over 100,000 square feet of cellulose at 6" in depth. Now add in the paper produced from the reporting sources beyond the Agencies (State/County/Doe Regional/DOE National/ and so on)

On a final note I would like to support the response submitted by Joanne Morin, Director of the Office of Energy and Planning of the State of New Hampshire dated February 1, 2010 with emphasis on her Summary paragraph.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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