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Frank, as a reporting agency for the recovery act grants any reduction in report requirements would be helpful. Presently the monthly reporting on PAGE could be limited to the quarterly reporting without detrimental effect. I am not sure that monthly reporting adds value to the transparency issue.

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DOE Response:

DOE acknowledges that the monthly reporting requirements in the EECBG reporting guidance (EECBG 10-07A) represent an undue burden on EECBG recipients with formula allocations >\$2M. Under this guidance, applicable recipients were required to report outlays, obligations, and some performance metrics by project activity on a monthly basis. Anecdotal feedback from EECBG Project Officers and recipients indicated that the report of performance metrics by activity on a monthly basis was particularly burdensome. As such, in the forthcoming revision to the reporting guidance (EECBG 10-07B), recipients will only be required to report outlays by project activity on a monthly basis. DOE estimates that this approximately amounts to a 40% reduction in the annual reporting burden and should concurrently reduce confusion amongst grantees.

Furthermore, DOE believes that the report of outlays on a monthly basis provides essential transparency on amount and object of Recovery Act expenditures.