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**To:** Norcross, Frank

**Subject:** Comments on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the OMB pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Mr. Norcross,

Per the Federal Registrar Notice, I am writing to encourage DOE and OMB to reconsider monthly reporting requirements related to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. As a grant recipient, I have found the additional reporting duplicative, time-consuming, and a cause for greater confusion (and thus greater chance for error) as more energy has to be put into reporting, and thus less energy into executing projects. Since agreements, invoices, and work ebb-and-flow accross months, it is easier to encapsulate what occurs over a 3 month period than tracking the same over distinct 30 day periods.

Thank you for your consideration,

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DOE Response to Public Comment on Proposed Information Collection Request

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 1910-5150

TITLE: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Status Report

Federal Register Notice (60 Day): July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (Vol. 75, No. 134 pp. 40796)

Commenter: City of Orlando, Florida

Date of comment: August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

**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.*