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RE: OE Recovery Act Financial Assistance Grants OMB Control No. 1910-5149

Dear Mr. Grasso:

In response to the request for comments outlined in Federal Register Volume 76, Number 154 (Wednesday, August 10, 2011) page 49460 [FR Doc No: 2011-20334], the Town of Danvers would like to go on record as opposing the continued monthly reporting requirement in the above-captioned matter. The process of reporting monthly rather than quarterly is burdensome and adds unnecessary cost to the Smart Grid project.

We are confident that reporting project information on a quarterly basis will allow the Department of Energy (DOE) to closely monitor progress and control costs and expenditures. This is a multi-year program and the monthly reporting is not matched by any benefits to Danvers or DOE in terms of oversight and control. Rather, it seems to generate unnecessary consulting efforts and project costs.

We respectfully request that DOE allow the monthly reporting requirement to lapse and that Danvers be allowed to return to the more traditional quarterly reporting requirements.

Sincerely,

Wayne P. Marquis
Town Manager