

From: Amy Westervelt [mailto:amy.westervelt@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 3:10 PM
To: Grosso, Matthew
Subject: Media question re: Information Collection Request Title: OE Recovery Act Financial Assistance Grants, OMB Control No. 1910-5149

Hi Matthew,

Sorry for the out-of-the-blue email, but I'm working on a post for SolveClimate (www.solveclimate.com) about how various cleantech sectors have been affected by Recovery Act funds, and how much of the \$36.7 billion earmarked for DOE grants has been awarded and/or received by grantees. In the course of my research I came across the listing in the Federal Register about the extending the emergency Information Collection Request Title: OE Recovery Act Financial Assistance Grants, OMB Control No. 1910-5149 that DOE is developing for submission to OMB pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. I'm wondering if you could tell me whether information collection protocols have slowed down the award or delivery of grants at all?

Thanks very much for your help!
Best regards,
Amy

From: Mcgillicuddy, Maura
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 2:45 PM
To: 'amy.westervelt@gmail.com'
Subject: DOE/Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability response to your media inquiry on Information Collection Request Title: OE Recovery Act Financial Assistance Grants, OMB Control No. 1910-5149

Ms. Westervelt--Matt Grosso forwarded your inquiry to me for response.

On background, the Federal Register Notice for the Department of Energy's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability's (OE) request for extension of its emergency information collection request provides transparency for both OE and the Smart Grid Investment Grant and Smart Grid Demonstration Project recipients. This monthly reporting enables the DOE to monitor each recipient's work and track their progress in achieving their project milestones while ensuring cost compliance with Recovery Act guidelines. Also, monthly reporting provides the DOE and recipients data to facilitate any needed changes since funding for the projects has a relatively short time span of 36 months. The monthly reporting did not impede the negotiations for Smart Grid Investment Grants or the Smart Grid Demonstration Projects.

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