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SUBJECT: Justification for Emergency Processing: Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA1) Quarterly Reports and Treasury Portal User Guide

Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established at 5 C.F.R. § 1320.13, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) requests emergency processing for an Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) program information collection request, revising OMB Control Number 1505-0266.

On December 27, 2020, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (the “Act”). Division N, Title V, Section 501(a)(1) of the Act established the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA 1) program and provides \$25 billion for the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to make payments to States (defined to include the District of Columbia), U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa), Indian tribes or tribally designated housing entities, as applicable, the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, and certain local governments with more than 200,000 residents (collectively the “eligible grantees”) to provide financial assistance and housing stability services to eligible households.

Treasury is seeking approval for the ERA 1 quarterly report forms, which all ERA 1 recipients will use to submit detailed information on their utilization of ERA 1 award funds. This information collection is vitally important for Treasury to fulfill its statutory reporting requirements, satisfy the PRAC reporting requirements, and continue to effectively monitor the ERA 1 grantees’ compliance with the requirements of the ERA 1 award.

Due to the need for recipients to prepare and submit these ERA 1 quarterly reports to Treasury expeditiously, Treasury requests emergency processing and approval of the ERA 1 quarterly report forms, bulk upload templates, instructions, and Treasury’s Portal User Guide by July 13, 2021 in order to increase the efficient distribution of ERA 1 quarterly reporting guidance and to facilitate ease of communication with the ERA 1 grantees on reporting matters. Given the inability to seek public comment during such a short timeframe, Treasury requests a waiver from the requirement to publish notice in the Federal Register seeking public comment.