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TO: Levesz, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
FROM: Deputy Assistant Secretary for
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SUBJECT: Justification for Emergency Processing: FCC Identifier Usage in Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund Reporting, 1505-0277

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 a revision of the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) information collection (OMB Control Number 1505-0277).

The revision is to make two additions to the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) reporting requirements. The new fields request that award recipients provide Federal Communications Commission (FCC) identifiers in order to uniquely identify the precise location of broadband projects receiving funding. The changes adding these two fields are identical for States and Tribal recipients. We expect our recipients to have these FCC identifiers on-hand already, and so there is no change in the estimated burden.

- **Provider ID.** The Provider ID is the identifier that the FCC assigns to every Internet service Provider (ISP). Any entity responsible for a broadband implementation project already has this number, and Treasury is collecting those numbers to comply with FCC requirements.
- **Fabric ID.** The Broadband DATA Act required the FCC to make a national map of broadband service at the location level. FCC licensees have access to the so-called “fabric”, a database of all serviceable locations. The Fabric ID is assigned to every “broadband serviceable location” in the fabric. For example, an apartment building which is broadband serviceable will have a unique Fabric ID assigned by the FCC. CPF recipients who are completing broadband projects are required to provide the Fabric IDs for the locations that they are serving.

Section 60105 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58) required the FCC to establish an online mapping tool with broadband locations funded by Federal agencies. The FCC first provided agencies with specifications for submitting data to this map in March 2023, which indicated that the Provider ID and Fabric ID would be required (and that latitude/longitude could not be used as a substitute to the Fabric ID for identifying location). As a result, CPF reporting guidance has to be updated to match those specifications for Q2 reporting, which is due by July 1, 2023. CPF award recipients must receive sufficient information about their reporting requirements in advance of the deadline, so approval of this revision is requested by June 5, 2023.

Treasury cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under 5 CFR 1320.13(a)(2) because of the need to comply with recently issued FCC guidance when collecting the next quarterly reports. 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.