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Mary C. Muessle, Acting Chief Financial Officer
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RE: PAM SPR Format Extension Request

Dear Ms. Muessle,

On May 8, 2014, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) submitted a memo to Treasury requesting a deadline extension for the submission of the Payment Automation Manager (PAM) Standard Payment Request (SPR) format. In accordance with the FMS Commissioner memo sent to all CFOs, dated January 14, 2011 (subsequent letters dated April 11, 2013 and April 11, 2014), all Federal Program Agencies are required to submit bulk payment disbursement files in the PAM SPR format by October 1, 2014.

NRC is currently generating disbursement files from CGI Federal's Momentum accounting software, version 6.4.1. Treasury has met with NRC over the past year and during those discussions, NRC planned on working with CGI Federal to deliver a back patch to version 6.4.1. In May 2014, NRC made a decision to upgrade to Momentum version 7.1 versus implementing the back patch solution. The decision resulted in NRC requesting an extension on the delivery date for the PAM SPR format to April 30, 2015.

Over the past year, Treasury has received extension requests from Federal Agencies and to date Treasury has not granted any extension requests for the PAM SPR format. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) generates disbursement files using CGI Federal's Momentum software, version 6.4.2 (6.4.2 version requires a CGI back patch). EPA requested a deadline extension. Treasury did not grant EPA's extension request and EPA is actively working with CGI Federal for the back patch solution and now appears on track to meet the October deadline.

Treasury's decision for not entertaining extensions is based on the cost to maintain a legacy format and mainframe product that is outdated and needs to be decommissioned. The cost of operating and maintaining an application through April 30, 2015, for one agency, is not an efficient use of government resources and services. I would suggest that our respective staffs take another good hard look at what the options are for bringing NRC on by the October timeframe. Staff here can be made available at your convenience to discuss a strategy going forward. Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Sincerely,



Gary M. Beets, Director
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