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Comment on Proposed System for Handling Small ERA Support Projects

1. The proposed system for handling small ERA support projects is quite acceptable. However, certain points in the proposal might be clarified in order to avoid future misunderstandings.

2. Article B-1 could indicate whether support requests from OCI or NIC are an exception to those instances in which Branch or Division Chiefs can authorize small support projects directly.

3. More clarification of article B-2 is needed. It is suggested that this article be expanded to indicate specifically the discretion and prerogatives available to Branch and Division Chiefs in accepting or refusing support projects authorized by St/PR/C (CSS). At the same time it is recommended that a channel for the resolution of disagreements over the acceptance of these projects be established.

4. Article C-3 could be clarified by adding the following, or a similar phrase: When a support project involves more than one branch, each branch will receive and complete the support forms for its own contribution.

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