### Derek:

Please see the link below to the public financial disclosure guide with a chart that details the reporting periods for candidate reports:

https://www.oge.gov/Web/278eGuide.nsf/Content/Definitions~The+OGE+Form+278e+%E2%80%93+Candidate+Report

Note: Any filing extensions do not change the start or end date of the reporting period.

The filer became a candidate in December 2022. Although the filer submitted a report in April 2023 which reported through mid-December 2022, he must file again by May 15, 2023 using the reporting periods specified in the chart. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

### Lorna

From: Derek Ross [mailto (b)(6) - email address Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 2:17 PM To: Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov> Subject: Financial Disclosure

Lorna -

As you know, we are helping prepare former president Trump's financial disclosures. We are seeking clarification on the reporting period for the next report, due May 15, given that the report we submitted a few weeks back reported through mid-December 2022.

Thanks,



Heather Jones Senior Counsel (202) 482-9316 U.S. Office of Government Ethics

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| From:           | Teresa L. Williamson            |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Sent:           | Thursday, July 13, 2023 7:58 AM |
| То:             | Lori Kelly                      |
| Subject:        | RE: - [ Message contains CUI ]  |
|                 |                                 |
| Follow Up Flag: | Follow up                       |
| Flag Status:    | Completed                       |

### Thanks!!

From: Lori Kelly <lkelly@oge.gov> Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 9:05 PM To: Teresa L. Williamson <tlwillia@oge.gov> Subject: RE: - [ Message contains CUI ]

Part 2

Best regards, Lori Kelly

From: Lori Kelly Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 9:04 PM To: Teresa L. Williamson <<u>tlwillia@oge.gov</u>> Subject: RE: - [ Message contains CUI ]

Part 1

Best regards, Lori Kelly

From: Lori Kelly
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 9:03 PM
To: Teresa L. Williamson <<u>tlwillia@oge.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: - [ Message contains CUI ]

I optimized it and split it into the attached 2 files. I send them in 2 separate emails.

Best regards, Lori Kelly

From: Teresa L. Williamson
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 2:53 PM
To: Lori Kelly <<u>lkelly@oge.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: - [ Message contains CUI ]

Hey Lori, Were you able to email the trump file? If you did how did you do it? I'm having to split the file into 8 separate files. I tried splitting it into 6 and it came back undeliverable – before I split it into 8 files I wanted to check to see if you figured this out<sup>©</sup>

Talking to Nishtar now and he mentioned that Zohair helped you.

Thanks! Teresa

From: Lori Kelly <<u>lkelly@oge.gov</u>>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 4:53 PM
To: Zohair Baig <<u>mzbaig@oge.gov</u>>; Teresa L. Williamson <<u>tlwillia@oge.gov</u>>
Cc: 201 Forms <<u>201forms@oge.gov</u>>; Patrick Shepherd <<u>pshephe@oge.gov</u>>
Subject: - [ Message contains CUI ]
Importance: High

Hi All,

I am receiving a lot of 201 request for Donald Trump's report but it's to large, even after optimizing and splitting it into 2 parts. Any suggestions?



# Outgoing Email

| To:      | (b)(6) requester email address   | File Attachmer<br>Trump, Donald |
|----------|--|---------------------------------|
| Subject: | OGE Ethics Document Request  | Trong, conaid                   |
| Body:    | OGE is in receipt of your ethics document request. Please find attached the requested document(s). If you have any questions related to this request, please email 201Forms@oge.gov. Thank you. Provide us feedback about your experience using this Form:<br>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P5B3DXX |                                 |
|          | Status: New  |                                 |
|          | ATTACHMENTS EXCEED SIZE. Detach and send one or more in a sep<br>Attachment Size: 108.4 MB   |                                 |
| Notes    |  |                                 |

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Best,

Lori Kelly, Program Specialist U.S. Office of Government Ethics Financial Disclosure Branch Compliance Division Tel. 202.482.9306

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Thanks Teresa for informing us and I am communicating with Tony at the backend to see if we have a better solution than splitting 108MB file into several pieces.

#### Thanks Nishtar

From: Teresa L. Williamson <ttivillia@oge.gov> Sent: Wednesday July 12. 2023 8 36 AM To: Lori Kelly <kelly@oge.gov>, Zohair Baig <mzbaig@oge.gov>; Nishtar Saleem <nsaleem@oge.gov> Cz: 201 Forms <201forms@oge.gov>; Patrick Shepherd <pshephe@oge.gov> Subject: RE - [ Message contains CUI ]

Nishtar See Lori s email below. She is having the same issue I have with emailing the large file that I reached out to ITD about yesterday. She is also going to need a solution to be able to email the file. Hopefully you all can help

Thanks! Teresa

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Here is that other address: (b)(6) - Derek Ross' email address

From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 12:11 PM
To: Jack MacDonald <jjmacdon@oge.gov>; Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov>; Heather A. Jones
<hajones@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: 25-day email to candidate

This email needs to be sent today. Please let me know if anything needs to be changed. Is "have provided some comments" the correct characterization?

Does it go to Scott Gast? Anyone else? If anyone else, please provide me with an email address.

Thanks, Deb

My name is Deborah Bortot and I am the Chief of the Presidential Nominations Branch, the unit within the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) responsible for reviewing the Presidential Candidate report filed by former President Trump. Jack MacDonald and Lorna Syme have been in contact with you regarding our review of the report and have provided some comments and questions.

I am just following up to note that, although OGE generally has 60 days to review a Candidate report, we are required to release such reports within 30 days of receipt. Therefore, whenever possible, we try to have all outstanding comments and questions addressed by then so that the released report reflects a completed review process. The 30-day period for former President Trump's Candidate report ends on September 13, 2023.

I also want to inform you that according to our procedures for candidate reports, if a review cannot be completed within 60 days, OGE will send a formal letter establishing a 30 day deadline for resolving all outstanding issues. If the candidate is making progress on the report and resolution of all outstanding issues is imminent, however, the General Counsel may delay issuance of the letter by up to 10 days upon request by the candidate's representative. Please be advised, should OGE send a letter, the letter will be posted on OGE's website.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you or if you have any questions about the review process.

Please respond to this message to confirm receipt.

Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 4:36 PM
To: Jack MacDonald <<u>jjmacdon@oge.gov</u>>; Lorna A. Syme <<u>lasyme@oge.gov</u>>
Cc: Heather A. Jones <<u>hajones@oge.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: 25-day email to candidate

### Thank you

From: Jack MacDonald
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 2:31 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot <<u>djbortot@oge.gov</u>>; Lorna A. Syme <<u>lasyme@oge.gov</u>>
Cc: Heather A. Jones <<u>hajones@oge.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: 25-day email to candidate

Hi Deb,

Please see below for the 25-day email.

Jack and Lorna

Good [Morning/Afternoon],

My name is Deborah Bortot and I am the Chief of the Presidential Nominations Branch, the unit within the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) responsible for reviewing the Presidential Candidate report filed by former President Trump. Jack MacDonald and Lorna Syme have been in contact with you regarding our review of the report and have provided some comments and questions.

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Thank you.

From: Deborah J. Bortot
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 1:23 PM
To: Lorna A. Syme <<u>lasyme@oge.gov</u>>
Cc: Jack MacDonald <<u>jjmacdon@oge.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: 25-day email to candidate

Lorna and Jack,

Please make any edits to the email below:

Good [Morning/Afternoon],

My name is Deborah Bortot and I am the Chief of the Presidential Nominations Branch, the unit within the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) responsible for reviewing the Presidential Candidate report filed by former President Trump. [Reviewer Name] has been in contact with you regarding our review of the report and has provided some comments and questions.

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I also want to inform you that according to our procedures for candidate reports, if a review cannot be completed within 60 days, OGE will send a formal letter establishing a 30 day deadline for resolving all outstanding issues. If the candidate is making progress on the report and resolution of all outstanding issues is imminent, however, the General Counsel may delay issuance of the letter by up to 10 days upon request by the candidate's representative. Please be advised, should OGE send a letter, the letter will be posted on OGE's website.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you or if you have any questions about the review process.

Please respond to this message to confirm receipt.

Thank you.

From: Lorna A. Syme
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 1:08 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot <<u>djbortot@oge.gov</u>>
Cc: Jack MacDonald <<u>ijmacdon@oge.gov</u>>

## Subject: RE: 25-day email to candidate

Deb:

Jack just pointed out to me that we don't count the day we receive the report – thank you Jack for catching that! We start counting the day after we receive the report, so that pushes your email until Friday.

Sorry for any confusion,

Lorna

From: Lorna A. Syme
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 12:45 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot <<u>djbortot@oge.gov</u>>
Cc: Jack MacDonald <<u>jjmacdon@oge.gov</u>>
Subject: 25-day email to candidate

Deb:

Today is the 24<sup>th</sup> day for the candidate report that Jack and I are working on together. We received responses yesterday and should have the next round of questions by the end of today. This report has pending issues and may take some time to wrap up.

Lorna

Good [Morning/Afternoon],

My name is Deborah Bortot and I am the Chief of the Presidential Nominations Branch, the unit within the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) responsible for reviewing the Presidential Candidate report filed by former President Trump. Jack MacDonald and Lorna Syme have been in contact with you regarding our review of the report and have provided some comments and questions.

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I also want to inform you that according to our procedures for candidate reports, if a review cannot be completed within 60 days, OGE will send a formal letter establishing a 30 day deadline for resolving all outstanding issues. If the candidate is making progress on the report and resolution of all outstanding issues is imminent, however, the General Counsel may delay issuance of the letter by up to 10 days upon request by the candidate's representative. Please be advised, should OGE send a letter, the letter will be posted on OGE's website.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you or if you have any questions about the review process.

Please respond to this message to confirm receipt.

Thank you.

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#### Sounds good.

From: Lorna A. Syme
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 1:06 PM
To: Jack MacDonald <jjmacdon@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: 25-day email to candidate

You are correct. That is how we did it for the first report. I'll let Deb know.

From: Jack MacDonald
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 1:03 PM
To: Lorna A. Syme <<u>lasyme@oge.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: 25-day email to candidate

Review Procedures say this in Section II, 3. Twenty-four days after receipt, the PNB Reviewer will notify the PNB Branch Chief that it has been 24 days since OGE received the report.

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| From:    | Scott Gast   |
|----------|--|
| То:      | Lorna A. Syme  |
| Cc:      | Jack MacDonald   |
| Subject: | Re: 278(e) Submittal of 9/12/2023 - [Message contains CUI] |
| Date:    | Tuesday, September 12, 2023 5:57:12 PM                     |
|          |  |

Lorna, thank you for getting back to me. I will attempt to send the report in two parts.

I believe there was an interest in ensuring that OGE had an initialed version given that the 30day period from filing ends tomorrow and the report becomes publicly available. If there are additional questions or requested revisions, we will certainly address those.

Scott Gast Compass Legal Group 300 Independence Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003 202.937.2309



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On Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 5:21 PM Lorna A. Syme <<u>lasyme@oge.gov</u>> wrote:

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Hi Scott:

No, we did not receive the attachment.

Also, we are a little concerned about the pages being initialed already as we did not give the go-ahead and the report still has to go up the chain for review. Please keep in mind that if there are additional changes the filer may need to initial some of the pages again.

Thanks,

Lorna

Lorna Syme

Office of Government Ethics

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From: Scott Gast [mailto:(b)(6) Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 4:42 PM To: Lorna A. Syme <<u>lasyme@oge.gov</u>>; Jack MacDonald <<u>jjmacdon@oge.gov</u>> Subject: Re: 278(e) Submittal of 9/12/2023

Lorna and Jack,

Please let me know if you received the attached report; there were some issues with the file size, so it's not clear whether it went through.

Thank you, Scott

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On Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 2:11 PM Scott Gast <(b)(6) <<u>mailto</u>:(b)(6) > wrote:

Lorna and Jack,

Attached please find the revised financial disclosure report, with changed pages initialed by the filer.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Scott

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| From:        | Scott Gast  |
|--------------|---|
| То:          | Lorna A. Syme, Jack MacDonald                           |
| Subject:     | Fwd: 278(e) Submittal of 9/12/2023 - Part 1 of 2        |
| Date:        | Tuesday, September 12, 2023 6:00:30 PM 114-page attachm |
| Attachments: | Complete 278e (FINAL 09.12.2023) Part 1.pdf             |

4-page attachment withheld in full, (b)(3)

Lorna and Jack, attached is Part 1 of 2 of the initialed report.

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 From:
 Scott Gast

 To:
 Lorna A. Syme; Jack MacDonald

 Subject:
 Fwd: 278(e) Submittal of 9/12/2023 - Part 2 of 2

 Date:
 Tuesday, September 12, 2023 6:00:37 PM

 Attachments:
 Complete 278e (FINAL 09.12.2023).Part 2.pdf

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Part 2 of 2 is attached.

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I responded to your comment. I think these are ready to go.

From: Lorna A. SymeSent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 4:01 PMTo: Heather A. Jones <hajones@oge.gov>Subject: 3rd round questions

Heather:

Please review and let me know if they look ready to send. You will note that I ask one question in the document.

# (b)(5) – internal agency network address

Lorna

Yes - FEC.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

------ Original message ------From: "David J. Apol" <djapol@oge.gov> Date: 4/12/23 5:23 PM (GMT-05:00) To: "Christopher J. Swartz" <cjswartz@oge.gov>, "Deborah J. Bortot" <djbortot@oge.gov>, "Heather A. Jones" <hajones@oge.gov> Cc: Seth Jaffe <sjaffe@oge.gov> Subject: RE: Article of Interest

Yes, I read that with interest. Right now the balls in the FCC's hands. So far, they have been handling it appropriately.

From: Christopher J. Swartz
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 3:40 PM
To: Deborah J. Bortot <djbortot@oge.gov>; Heather A. Jones <hajones@oge.gov>; David J. Apol
<djapol@oge.gov>
Subject: Article of Interest

https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2023/04/what-happens-if-donald-trump-simply-refuses-todisclose-his-finances/

Christopher J. Swartz Senior Associate Counsel U.S. Office of Government Ethics

(202) 482-9267 Follow OGE @OfficeGovEthics I'm working through Trump's report that I'd like to get to Emory. (b)(6) - regarding internal hiring issue

From: Seth Jaffe
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 3:30 PM
To: David J. Apol <djapol@oge.gov>; Deborah J. Bortot <djbortot@oge.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with (b)(6) -

f defer, but (b)(6) - regarding internal hiring issue ج

From: David J. Apol
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 3:26 PM
To: Seth Jaffe <<u>sjaffe@oge.gov</u>>; Deborah J. Bortot <<u>djbortot@oge.gov</u>>
Subject: Call with (b)(6) constraints

(b)(6) - regarding internal hiring issue I think we should (b)(6) - regarding

David J. Apol General Counsel U.S. Office of Government Ethics (202) 482 - 9205 Yes, please change to yesterday.

From: Teresa L. WilliamsonSent: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:17 AMTo: Heather A. Jones <hajones@oge.gov>Subject: RE: Candidate

I have both reports as being received today, August 15, should I change it to received yesterday? I just want to make sure the day counting is correct☺

I'm working on OCRing each of the files – making it much easier to search<sup>©</sup>. I'm going to see if I can combine all of the Trump files into one file.

From: Heather A. Jones <<u>hajones@oge.gov</u>>
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 5:48 PM
To: Teresa L. Williamson <<u>tlwillia@oge.gov</u>>
Subject: Candidate

Scott and Trump come to us. The other two go to Megan.

Heather Jones Senior Counsel (202) 482-9316 U.S. Office of Government Ethics

Visit OGE's website: <u>www.oge.gov</u> Follow OGE on Twitter: @OfficeGovEthics Dave,

I made your changes, but also made some additional changes to the letter. They are tracked.

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Thanks, Deb

Deborah J. Bortot Chief, Presidential Nominations Branch U.S. Office of Government Ethics 1201 New York Ave., NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20005-3917 Telephone: (202) 482-9227