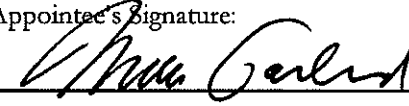


CERTIFICATION OF ETHICS AGREEMENT COMPLIANCE Senate Confirmed Presidential Appointee		
1 Appointee's Information	a. Appointee's Name:	to be completed by OGE Merrick Brian Garland
	b. Position Title:	to be completed by OGE Attorney General
	c. Agency:	to be completed by OGE U.S. Department of Justice
	d. Date Ethics Agreement Signed:	to be completed by OGE January 29, 2021
	e. Date Confirmed:	to be completed by OGE March 10, 2021
	f. Due Date for Certification of Ethics Agreement Compliance:	to be completed by OGE June 15, 2021
2 Resignations	<i>I completed all of the resignations indicated in my ethics agreement before I assumed the duties of my current government position.</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A
3 Divestitures	a. <i>I have completed all of the divestitures indicated in my ethics agreement. I also understand that I may not repurchase these assets during my appointment without OGE's prior approval.</i>	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	b. <i>I have filed a periodic transaction report, or periodic transaction reports, (OGE Form-T) to disclose the completion of these agreed upon divestitures.</i>	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A Filing Date(s) of OGE Form 278-T Report(s): Will be filed within 30 days of the transactions.
4 Managed Accounts	<i>If I have a managed account or use the services of an investment professional, I have notified the manager or professional of the limitations indicated in my ethics agreement. In addition, I am continuing to monitor purchases.</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A
5 Interim Recusals	<i>I complied with my interim recusal obligations pending the divestitures required by my ethics agreement.</i>	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

6. Recusals <i>(Note: These factual statements describe the appointee's current status. They are not intended to modify ethics agreement commitments or create new recusal obligations.)</i>	a. As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208, I will continue to recuse from particular matters in which I know I have a <u>personal</u> or <u>imputed</u> financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, unless I receive a waiver or qualify for a regulatory exemption.	☒ Yes ☐ No
	b. I am recusing from particular matters in which any former employer or client I served in the past year is a party or represents a party, unless I have been authorized under 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A
	c. I am recusing from particular matters in which any former employer or client I served in the two years prior to my appointment is a party or represents a party, unless I have received a waiver under Exec. Order 13989.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A
7. Waivers and Authorizations <i>(Consult with your agency's DAEO if uncertain under what authority a waiver or authorization was granted.)</i>	a. I received a waiver pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208. If yes, indicate the date of the waiver and indicate the financial interest covered by the waiver.	☐ Yes ☒ No Date: Financial interest:
	b. I received a waiver pursuant to Executive Order 13989. If yes, indicate the date of the waiver and the subject of the waiver (i.e., applicable paragraph of the ethics pledge, parties, particular matters, specific issue areas, as applicable).	☐ Yes ☒ No Date: Subject:
	c. I received an authorization pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d). If yes, indicate date of authorization and identify the covered person(s) as to whom you have been authorized (e.g., former employer, former client, spouse's employer, spouse's current client, etc.).	☐ Yes ☒ No Date: Covered person(s):
	d. I received a waiver pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.503(c). If yes, indicate the date of the waiver and identify the former employer or payer.	☐ Yes ☒ No Date: Former employer or payer:

8 Payments, Accelerations, or Divestitures Required to be Completed Prior to Entering Government Service	Mark this box if not applicable: ☒	a. If I committed that I would forfeit a financial interest or payment, unless it was received or accelerated prior to my assumption of the duties of the government position:	☐ I received it (or it was accelerated) <u>prior to</u> my assumption of the duties of the position. ☐ I received it (or it was accelerated) <u>after</u> my assumption of the duties of the position. ☐ I forfeited it.
9 Requirements for Regular Appointees	I have completed my initial ethics briefing, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. If you are a Special Government Employee (SGE) or career Foreign Service Officer (FSO), select N/A.		☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	I have signed the ethics pledge pursuant to Executive Order 13989. If you are a SGE or career FSO or previously signed the pledge, select N/A.		☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
10 Additional Ethics Agreement Requirements	to be completed by OGE		to be completed by appointee I am complying with these requirements as described in the adjacent box. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A
11 Comments of Appointee	In my January 29, 2021, Ethics Agreement, I committed to divesting Nuveen Maryland Quality Municipal Inc. As of April 13, 2021, these shares were converted by Nuveen into a different Nuveen fund, the Nuveen Quality Municipal Income fund, which the Departmental Ethics Office has advised does not require divestiture because it qualifies as a diversified mutual fund as defined in 5 C.F.R. 2640.102(a) and (k).		
Any intentionally false or misleading statement or response provided in this certification is a violation of law punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.			
I certify that the information I have provided is complete and accurate.	Appointee's Signature: 		Date: 6-7-21