From: Lorna A. Syme
To: Deborah J. Bortot

Date: Monday, May 8, 2023 3:11:10 PM

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 -

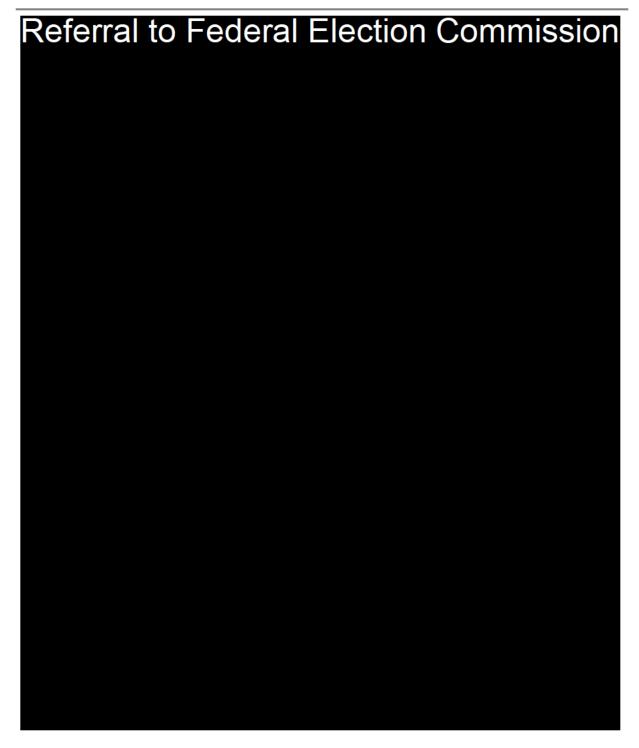
As you know, we are helping prepare former president Trump's financial disclosures. We are seeking clarification on the reporting period for the next report, due May 15, given that the report we submitted a few weeks back reported through mid-December 2022.

Thanks,

From: Heather A. Jones

To: Lorna A. Syme; Deborah J. Bortot

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:00:42 PM



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

To: 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 < tlwillia@oge.gov >
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 < tlwillia@oge.gov> **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 < |kelly@oge.gov>

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[©]

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

Thanks! Teresa

From: Lori Kelly < !kelly@oge.gov">!kelly@oge.gov 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

Subject: OGE Ethics Document Request

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: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P5B3DXX

Status: New

ATTACHMENTS EXCEED SIZE. Detach and send one or more in a sep Attachment Size: 108.4 MB

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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.

Nishtar

From: Teresa L. Williamson <thwillia@oge.gov>
Sent: Wednesday July 12 2023 8 36 AM
To: Lori Kelly <lkelly@oge.gov>; Zohair Baig <mrbaig@oge.gov>; Nishtar Saleem <nsaleem@oge.gov>
Cz: 201 Forms <201forms@oge.gov>; Patrick Shepherd <pshe@oge.gov>
Subject: RE - [Message contains CU1]

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®



From: Heather A. Jones

To: <u>Deborah J. Bortot</u>; <u>Jack MacDonald</u>; <u>Lorna A. Syme</u>

Subject: RE: 25-day email to candidate

Date: Friday, September 8, 2023 12:26:56 PM

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.

From: Deborah J. Bortot

Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 4:36 PM

To: Jack MacDonald <jjmacdon@oge.gov>; Lorna A. Syme <lasyme@oge.gov>

Cc: Heather A. Jones < hajones@oge.gov> **Subject:** RE: 25-day email to candidate

Thank you

From: Jack MacDonald

Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 2:31 PM

To: Deborah J. Bortot dibortot@oge.gov">dibortot@oge.gov>; Lorna A. Syme lasyme@oge.gov>

Cc: Heather A. Jones < hajones@oge.gov> **Subject:** RE: 25-day email to candidate

Hi Deb,

Please see below for the 25-day email.

Jack and Lorna

Good [Morning/Afternoon],

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Thank you.

From: Deborah J. Bortot

Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 1:23 PM

To: Lorna A. Syme < lasyme@oge.gov > Cc: Jack MacDonald < jjmacdon@oge.gov > 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.

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Thank you.

From: Lorna A. Syme

Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 1:08 PMTo: Deborah J. Bortot djbortot@oge.govCc: Jack MacDonald jjmacdon@oge.gov

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>iimacdon@oge.gov</u>>

Subject: 25-day email to candidate

Deb:

Today is the 24th 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

From: Lorna A. Syme
To: Jack MacDonald

Subject: RE: 25-day email to candidate

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 1:34:24 PM

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.

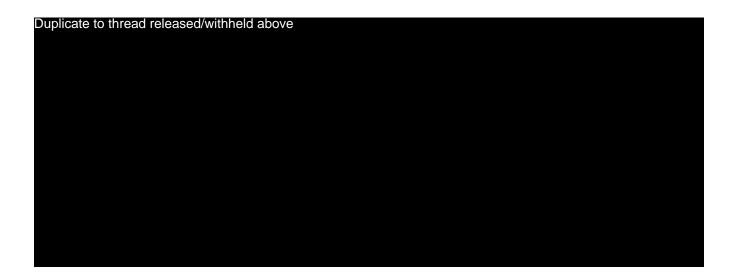
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Please respond to this message to confirm receipt.

Thank you.



From: Jack MacDonald

To: Lorna A. Syme

Subject: RE: 25-day email to candidate

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 1:05:56 PM

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

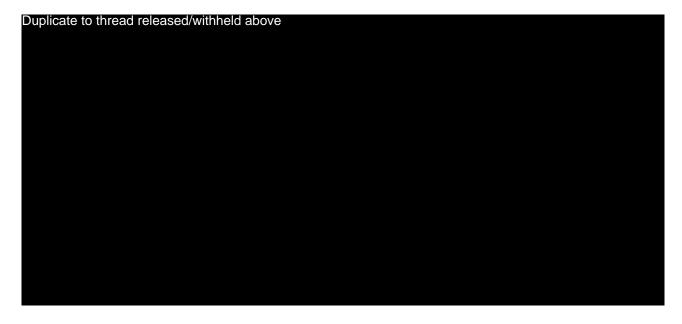
You are correct. That is how we did it for the first report. I'll let Deb know.

From: Jack MacDonald

Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 1:03 PM

To: Lorna A. Syme < lasyme@oge.gov> **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.



 From:
 Scott Gast

 To:
 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 30-day 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 < lasyme@oge.gov > 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

202-482-9277

From: Scott Gast [mailto:(b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 4:42 PM

To: Lorna A. Syme < ! Jack MacDonald < iimacdon@oge.gov>

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

Scott Gast
Compass Legal Group
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On Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 2:11 PM Scott Gast < (b)(6) < mailto: (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

To: 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

 Attachments:
 Complete 278e (FINAL 09.12.2023) Part 1.pdf

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

Scott Gast

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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

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

Part 2 of 2 is attached.

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From: Heather A. Jones
To: Lorna A. Syme
Subject: RE: 3rd round questions

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 4:43:12 PM

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

From: Lorna A. Syme

Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 4:01 PM **To:** 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.

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Lorna

From: Seth Jaffe

To: <u>David J. Apol; Christopher J. Swartz; Deborah J. Bortot; Heather A. Jones</u>

Subject: RE: Article of Interest

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 5:28:04 PM

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" <ciswartz@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-to-disclose-his-finances/

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

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From: David J. Apol

To: Seth Jaffe; Deborah J. Bortot

Subject: RE: Call with (b)(6)

Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023 3:37:33 PM

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) -

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

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)

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

David J. Apol General Counsel U.S. Office of Government Ethics (202) 482 - 9205

 From:
 Heather A. Jones

 To:
 Teresa L. Williamson

 Subject:
 RE: Candidate

Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:17:57 AM

Yes, please change to yesterday.

From: Teresa L. Williamson

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 9:17 AM **To:** 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☺. I'm going to see if I can combine all of the Trump files into one file.

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

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

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From: Deborah J. Bortot
To: David J. Apol
Subject: candidate letter

Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 4:46:49 PM

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

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