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Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15855

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Initiation Date*:	2018-08-13
Title*:	Question about nondisclosure agreements (NPR)
Question*:	The reporter had questions about whether OGE issued guidance on nondisclosure agreements (i.e., those required by the President).
Update:	
Categories*:	Misuse of Position
Origin Of Interaction*:	Phone
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Peter
Last Name:	Overby
Title:	Reporter, NPR
Position:	
Email:	none provided
Phone:	(b) (6)
Other Contact Notes:	
Assignment:	Elizabeth D. Horton
Watching:	
Temporary Notes:	
created by:	Elizabeth D. Horton

Resolution Information

Resolution Date*:	2018-08-13
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	I told the reporter on background that OGE does not have regulations/guidance regarding nondisclosure agreements but Subpart G covers use of public office for private gain and use of nonpublic information. I told him that he might want to contact OSC as they may have some guidance on nondisclosure agreements since they have jurisdiction over whistleblower protection. (Consulted with Seth) <i>(Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)</i>
Complexity (level):	1 <input type="text" value="[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]"/>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	
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Interaction History Log

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Now Assigned: Elizabeth D. Horton	08/13/2018 12:13:36 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton

Division(s) assigned: IOD

Resolved Interaction

Interaction Number: 15861

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Initiation Date*:	2018-08-14
Title*:	Interview request for someone to discuss nondisclosure agreements (WAMU)
Question*:	<p>Hi,</p> <p>My name is Morgan Givens and I'm a producer with WAMU and NPRs 1A. We're a national news and talk show broadcast out of Washington, DC.</p> <p>Tomorrow morning, 8/14, from 10a - 10:30a ET, we're going to discuss the non-disclosure agreements signed by some senior white house officials, and what it means to have those working for the public, signing them. We also hope to discuss some of the ethics behind such agreements.</p> <p>I wanted to see if there might be someone within your organization interested in possibly being a guest on the show tomorrow morning. If they're interested, please let me know and we can set up a brief pre-interview today. If there's no one available, is there someone you would recommend I reach out to instead? Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
Update:	
Categories*:	Other
Origin Of Interaction*:	Email
Source*:	Non-Agency Press
First Name:	Morgan
Last Name:	Givens
Title:	Producer, WAMU (NPR)
Position:	
Email:	(b) (6)
Phone:	(b) (6)
Other Contact Notes:	
Assignment:	Elizabeth D. Horton
Watching:	
Temporary Notes:	
created by:	Elizabeth D. Horton

Resolution Information

Resolution Date*:	2018-08-16
Resolution Category*:	Resolved
Response*:	<p>I left a voicemail message on 8/14 telling the producer that I received the interview request on the day of the scheduled broadcast and that OGE rarely grants interviews and told him to call me back if he had any questions. The producer did not call me back. Accordingly, I am closing out his inquiry. (Assigned to: Elizabeth D. Horton)</p>
Complexity (level):	<p>1</p> <p>[Click to view/hide complexity guidelines]</p>
Time Spent (hours):	0-1 hour
Contributor:	

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Interaction History Log

Closed	08/16/2018 04:43:07 PM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Create	08/14/2018 09:52:48 AM by Elizabeth D. Horton
Now Assigned: Elizabeth D. Horton	08/14/2018 09:52:48 AM by Elizabeth D. Horton

Division(s) assigned: IOD

From: Grant Anderson
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 11:45 AM
To: Agency Wide; News Clippings
Subject: Legislative Update for Wednesday, August 15, 2018

The Senate reconvenes at 12:00 p.m.

According to *CQ*, the Senate reconvenes at noon. Following leader remarks, the Senate will consider the nomination of A. Marvin Quattlebaum Jr., to be a U.S. circuit judge for the Fourth Circuit. Following the resumption of consideration of the Quattlebaum nomination, the Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for weekly caucus lunches. At 5:30 p.m., the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Quattlebaum nomination.

The House is not in session.

Legislative and Related News

The Hill reports that the Senate will begin debate tomorrow on a bill combining the two largest fiscal 2019 appropriations measures. [Senate returns to work on toughest 'minibus' yet](#)

Executive Branch Ethics and Related News

Multiple outlets report that Dana White, the Pentagon's chief spokeswoman, is being investigated by the Defense Department IG for allegedly making staff members run personal errands and then reassigning them when they complained. [Pentagon spokeswoman under investigation for misusing staff, retaliating against complaints \(CNN\)](#); [Staffers Say Defense Department Official Had Them Run Her Errands \(Wall Street Journal\)](#); [Top Pentagon spokeswoman probed for making staff run errands, retaliation \(NBC News\)](#)

The Weekly Standard reports that White House non-disclosure agreements were administered by the ethics lawyer in the White House counsel's office, Stefan Passantino. The article quotes a staffer who notes that "when we all got onboarded one of the things we had to do for our official ethics briefing was sign an NDA." [Former White House Staffer: NDA "Snuck in With" Other New Employee Paperwork](#)

Salon reports on the ethics waivers received by White House economic advisor Larry Kudlow and White House deputy chief of staff Bill Shine. [White House waives ethics rules to allow top staffers access to Fox News](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

House: July 27-Sept. 3

Senate: Sept. 3; Sept. 10-11