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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Proposed Collection; Comment Request for a Modified OGE Form 201, Request to Inspect or Receive Copies of Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports or Other Covered Records.

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Notice of request for agency and public comments.

SUMMARY: After this first round notice and public comment period, the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) plans to submit a proposed modified OGE Form 201, Request to Inspect or Receive Copies of Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports or Other Covered Records, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval of a three-year extension under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OGE Form 201 is used by persons requesting access to executive branch public financial disclosure reports and other covered records.

DATES: Written comments by the public and agencies on this proposed extension are invited and must be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to OGE, by any of the following methods:

E-mail: usoge@oge.gov. (Include reference to “OGE Form 201 Paperwork Comment” in the subject line of the message.)

FAX: 202-482-9237, Attn: Grant Anderson.

Mail, Hand Delivery/Courier: Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500, Attention: Grant Anderson, Assistant Counsel, Washington, DC 20005-3917.

Instructions: Comments may be posted on OGE’s website, www.oge.gov. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included. Comments generally will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Grant Anderson at the U.S. Office of Government Ethics; telephone: 202-482-9318; TTY: 800-877-8339; FAX: 202-482-9237; E-mail: ganderso@oge.gov. An electronic copy of the OGE Form 201 version used to manually submit access requests to OGE or other executive branch agencies by mail or FAX is available in the Forms Library section of OGE’s website at <http://www.oge.gov>. A paper copy may also be obtained, without charge, by contacting Mr. Anderson. An automated version of the OGE Form 201, also available on OGE’s website, enables the requester to electronically fill out, submit and receive access to copies of the public financial disclosure reports certified by the U.S. Office of Government Ethics.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request to Inspect or Receive Copies of Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports or Other Covered Records.

Agency Form Number: OGE Form 201.

OMB Control Number: 3209-0002.

Type of Information Collection: Extension with modifications of a currently approved collection.

Type of Review Request: Regular.

Respondents: Individuals requesting access to executive branch public financial disclosure reports and other covered records.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 7,600.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,300 hours.

Abstract: The OGE Form 201 collects information from, and provides certain information to, persons who seek access to OGE Form 278 Public Financial Disclosure Reports, including OGE Form 278-T Periodic Transaction Reports, and other covered records. The form reflects the requirements of the Ethics in Government Act, subsequent amendments pursuant to the STOCK Act, and OGE's implementing regulations that must be met by a person before access can be granted. These requirements include the address of the requester, as well as any other person on whose behalf a record is sought, and acknowledgement that the requester is aware of the prohibited uses of executive branch public disclosure financial reports. See 5 U.S.C. appendix 105(b) and (c) and 402(b)(1)

and 5 CFR 2634.603(c) and (f). Executive branch departments and agencies are encouraged to utilize the OGE Form 201 for individuals seeking access to public financial disclosure reports and other covered documents. OGE permits departments and agencies to use or develop their own forms as long as the forms collect and provide all of the required information.

OGE recently revised its OGE/GOVT-1, Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports and Other Name-Retrieved Ethics Program Records system of records. The revisions were published in the Federal Register on September 9, 2019, and went into effect on November 8, 2019. The revisions included several new and modified routine uses. The information collected on the OGE Form 201 is maintained in the OGE/GOVT-1 Governmentwide system of records, and the form contains a Privacy Act statement referencing OGE/GOVT-1 as required by section (e)(3) of the Privacy Act. Accordingly, OGE proposes to update the Privacy Act statement in accordance with changes to the OGE/GOVT-1 system of records. No other changes to the form are proposed. This change will have no material effect on the burden to filers.

Request for Comments: OGE is publishing this first round notice of its intent to request paperwork clearance for a proposed modified OGE Form 201. Agency and public comment is invited specifically on the need for and practical utility of this information collection, the accuracy of OGE's burden estimate, the enhancement of quality, utility and clarity of the information collected, and the minimization of burden (including the use of information technology). Comments received in response to this notice will be

summarized for and included with the OGE request for extension of OMB paperwork approval. The comments will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: November 20, 2019.

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Director, U.S. Office of Government Ethics.

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