

**OGE Form 278**  
**Executive Branch Personnel**  
**PUBLIC FINANCIAL**  
**DISCLOSURE REPORT**

**Instructions for Completing OGE Form 278**

**I. Introduction**

**Reporting Periods**

**Incumbents:** Complete Schedules A, B, C, and Part I of D. The reporting period is the preceding calendar year, except Part II of Schedule C and Part I of Schedule D where you must also include any positions held and agreements or arrangements made from the beginning of the filing year until the date you file. Schedule B need not include transactions made, or gifts or reimbursements received, during a period when the filer was not a Federal employee.

**Termination Filers:** Complete Schedules A, B, C, and Part I of D. The reporting period begins at the end of the period covered by your previous filing and ends at the date of termination of Government employment in the position.

**Nominees, New Entrants and Candidates for President and Vice President:** Complete Schedules A, C, and D (candidates do not file Part II of Schedule D), as follows:

- **Schedule A** - The reporting period for income (BLOCK C) is the preceding calendar year and the current calendar year up to the date of filing. Value assets in BLOCK B as of any date you choose that is less than 31 days before the date of filing.
- **Schedule C, Part I** (Liabilities) - The reporting period is the preceding calendar year and the current calendar year up to any date you choose that is less than 31 days before the date of filing.

- **Schedule C, Part II** (Agreements or Arrangements) - Show any agreements or arrangements as of the date of filing.
- **Schedule D** - The reporting period is the preceding two calendar years and the current calendar year up to the date of filing.

**Scope of Disclosure**

The extent of the reporting requirement is noted in each schedule. The various schedules of this form require reporting of your financial interests and activities, both in the U.S. and abroad, except as otherwise noted. In addition to your individual financial information, you are required to report information concerning your spouse and dependent children in several schedules of the form. However, no report is required with respect to your spouse if he or she is living separate and apart from you with the intention of terminating the marriage or providing for permanent separation. In addition, no report is required with respect to any income or obligations of an individual arising from the dissolution of marriage or permanent separation from a spouse. There are other exceptions to the reporting of assets and income, transactions, and liabilities of a spouse or dependent child which are discussed in the instructions applicable to those subjects.

A basic premise of the statutory financial disclosure requirements is that those having responsibility for review of reports filed pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act or permitted public access to reports must be given sufficient information by reporting individuals concerning the nature of their outside interests and activities so that an informed judgment can be made with respect to compliance with applicable conflict of interest laws and standards of conduct regulations. Therefore, it is important that you carefully complete the attached form. This report is a safeguard for you as well as the Government, in that it provides a mechanism for determining actual

or potential conflicts between your public responsibilities and your private interests and activities and allows you and your agency to fashion appropriate protections against such conflicts when they first appear. A Presidential nominee to a position requiring the advice and consent of the Senate shall file with the Senate committee considering the nomination an amendment to the initial report, which shall update all items of earned income and honoraria through the period ending no earlier than 5 days before the scheduled date of the Senate committee hearing on the nomination. This update shall be provided in the manner requested by the Senate committee considering the nomination. Copies shall be provided to OGE and your agency ethics official.

**Definition of Terms**

• **Category of Amount**

Reportable financial interests are disclosed either by actual amount or by category of amount, depending on the interest, as specified by the form. You may, but you are not required to, indicate an actual amount where the form provides for a category of amount or value.

• **Dependent Child**

The term “dependent child” means your son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter if such person is either: (1) unmarried, under age 21, and living in your household, or (2) a “dependent” of yours within the meaning of section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

• **Excepted Investment Fund**

An excepted investment fund is a mutual fund, common trust fund of a bank, pension or deferred compensation plan, or any other investment fund, which is widely held; publicly traded (or available) or widely diversified; and under circumstances where

you neither exercise control over nor have the ability to exercise control over the financial interests held by the fund. A fund is widely diversified when it holds no more than 5% of the value of its portfolio in the securities of any one issuer (other than the U.S. Government) and no more than 20% in any particular economic or geographic sector.

- **Gifts**

See instructions for Schedule B, Part II.B.

- **Honoraria**

The term “honoraria” means payments of money or anything of value to you or your spouse for an appearance, speech, or article, excluding necessary travel expenses. See 5 U.S.C. app. § 505(3).

- **Personal Savings Account**

The term “personal savings account” includes a certificate of deposit, a money market account, or any other form of deposit in a bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or similar financial institution.

- **Trusts (“Qualified” and “Excepted”)**

See instructions for Schedule A, Part II.B., and 5 C.F.R. Part 2634, Subpart D.

- **Value**

You may use any one of the methods described below, in determining fair market value:

Option 1 – any good faith estimate of the value of the property if the exact value is unknown or not easily obtainable;

Option 2 – value based upon a recent appraisal of the property interest;

Option 3 – the purchase price of your property interest, or estimated retail price of a gift;

Option 4 – the assessed value of the property for tax purposes, adjusted to reflect current market value if the tax assessment is computed at less than 100% of current value;

Option 5 – the year-end book value of non-publicly traded stock, or the year-end exchange value of corporate stocks, or the face value of corporate bonds or comparable securities;

Option 6 – the net worth of your interest (as in a business partnership or other jointly held business interest);

Option 7 – the equity value of your interest (as in a solely owned business or commercial enterprise); or

Option 8 – exact value of (e.g., personal savings accounts) or any other recognized indication of value (such as last sale on a stock exchange).

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## II. Who Must File

a. Candidates for nomination or election to the office of President or Vice President.

b. Presidential nominees to positions requiring the advice and consent of the Senate, other than those nominated for judicial office or as a Foreign Service Officer or for appointment to a rank in the uniformed services at a pay grade of O-6, or below.

c. The following newly elected or appointed officials:

- The President;

- The Vice President;

- Officers and employees (including special Government employees, as defined in 18 U.S.C. §

202) whose positions are classified above GS-15 of the General Schedule, or the rate of basic pay for which is fixed, other than under the General Schedule, at a rate equal to or greater than 120% of the minimum rate of basic pay for GS-15 of the General Schedule.

- Members of the uniformed services in pay grade O-7 or above;

- Officers or employees in any other positions determined by the Director of the Office of Government Ethics to be of equal classification to above GS-15;

- Administrative law judges;

- Employees in the excepted service in positions which are of a confidential or policy-making character, unless by regulation their positions have been excluded by the Director of the Office of Government Ethics;

- The Postmaster General, the Deputy Postmaster General, each Governor of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service and officers or employees of the U.S. Postal Service or Postal Rate Commission in positions for which the rate of basic pay is equal to or greater than 120% of the minimum rate of basic pay for GS-15 of the General Schedule;

- The Director of the Office of Government Ethics and each designated agency ethics official; and

- Civilian employees in the Executive Office of the President (other than special Government employees) who hold commissions of appointment from the President.

d. Incumbent officials holding positions referred to in section II.c. of these instructions if they have served 61 days or more in the position during the preceding calendar year.

e. Officials who have terminated employment after having served 61 days or more in a calendar year in a position referred to in section II.c. and have not accepted another such position within 30 days thereafter.

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### III. When to File

a. Within 30 days after becoming a candidate for nomination or election to the office of President or Vice President, or by May 15 of that calendar year, whichever is later, but at least 30 days before the election, and on or before May 15 of each succeeding year an individual continues to be a candidate.

b. At any time after the President or President-elect has publicly announced an intention to nominate an individual referred to in section II.b. of these instructions, but no later than 5 days after the President transmits the nomination to the Senate.

c. Within 30 days after assuming a position described in section II.c. unless such an individual has left another such position within 30 days prior to assuming the new position, or has already filed a report with respect to nomination for the new position (section II.b.) or as a candidate for the position (section II.a.).

d. No later than May 15<sup>th</sup> annually, in the case of those in a position described in section II.d.

e. In the event an individual terminates employment in the position and does not accept another position described in section II.c. within 30 days, the report must be filed no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after termination.

f. Extensions. An employing agency may grant an extension of time of up to 45 days to a filer to file any report under sections III.c.-e. above (the FEC for any report under section III.a. above). OGE may grant an

additional extension of time up to 45 days to file any such report.

g. Fee for Late Filing. Any individual who is required to file this report and does so more than 30 days after the date the report is required to be filed, or, if an extension is granted, more than 30 days after the last day of the filing extension period, shall be subject to a \$200 late filing fee. A report is considered to be filed when it is received by the agency. Unless waived by OGE, such fee will be collected by the filer's agency, for deposit with the U.S. Treasury.

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### IV. Where to File

a. Candidates for President and Vice President, with the Federal Election Commission.

b. The President and Vice President, with the Office of Government Ethics.

c. Members of a uniformed service, with the Service Secretary concerned.

d. All others, with the designated agency ethics official, or that official's delegate, at the agency in which the individual serves, will serve or has served.

e. In the case of individuals nominated by or to be nominated by the President to positions requiring confirmation of the Senate, see 5 C.F.R. Part 2634 for expedited procedures and filing location.

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### V. General Instructions

a. This form consists of the front page and four Schedules. If possible, use a black ink pen or typewriter to fill out your report. You must complete each Part of all Schedules as required. If you have no information to report in any Part of a Schedule, you should indicate "None." If you are not required to

complete Schedule B or Part II of Schedule D, you should leave it blank. Schedule A combines a report of income items with the disclosure of certain property interests. Schedule B deals with transactions in real property or certain other assets, as well as gifts and reimbursements. Schedules C and D relate to liabilities and employment relationships. After completing the first page and each Part of the Schedules (including extra sheets of any Schedule where continuation pages are required for any Part), consecutively number all pages.

b. The information to be disclosed is only that which the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended (the Act) and 5 C.F.R. Part 2634 specifically require. You may, however, include any additional information, beyond those requirements, that you wish to disclose for purposes of clarification. Disclosure of information does not authorize any holdings, income, honoraria, liabilities, transactions, gifts, reimbursements, affiliations or positions otherwise prohibited by law, Executive order, rule or regulation.

c. Combine on one form the information applicable to yourself, your spouse and dependent children; or if more convenient, use separate schedules to report the required information applicable to family members. You may, if you desire, distinguish any entry for a family member by preceding the entry with an (S) if it is for a spouse or a (DC) if it pertains to a dependent child. Joint assets may be indicated by a (J). See 5 C.F.R. Part 2634, Subpart C, for exclusions in the case of separation or divorce.

d. Definitions of the various terms used in these instructions and detailed information as to what is required to be disclosed are contained in 5 C.F.R. Part 2634.

e. In the case of references to entities which are operating trades or businesses which do not have listed securities, you must provide sufficient

information about these private entities to give the reviewers of your disclosure report an adequate basis for the conflicts analysis required by the Act. Thus, you must disclose the location and primary trade or business of private entities, as well as attributed interests and activities not solely incidental to such a primary trade or business. For instance, if your family swimming pool services corporation incurs a liability to purchase an apartment house for investment in addition to its pool services business, you will have to report the apartment house investment as part of the nature of the business of the family corporation.

f. In the case of references to entities which are investment funds such as mutual or pension funds (whether public or private), you must disclose the portfolio holdings and all other items such as transactions and liabilities to the extent otherwise required for reportable interests, unless the entity is an “excepted investment fund.” See Definition of Terms above.

g. If you need assistance in completing this form, contact the designated agency ethics official of the agency in which you serve, will serve, or have served.

<b>Schedule A</b>
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## I. General Instructions

Two of the general disclosure requirements of the Act concern certain interests in property (generally referred to here as assets) and items of income. Schedule A is designed to enable you to meet both of these reporting requirements. Generally a description of your, your spouse’s, and your dependent child’s assets and sources of income is required to be listed in BLOCK A of the Schedule. Reading from left to right across the page from each description of the asset or income source, you will be able to report in BLOCK B the value of each asset, and in BLOCK C

the type and amount of income generated by that asset or received from the non-asset source.

On Schedule A are four examples which are representative of the reporting scheme of this Schedule. The first example represents the proper method of reporting stock of Central Airlines Company held at the end of the reporting period which then had a value of \$75,000. The individual had also received dividends of \$1,500, reported in BLOCK C. If the Central Airlines stock had been sold, there would be a check in the “None (or less than \$1,001)” column in BLOCK B if the individual no longer owned any of the stock at the end of the reporting period, and there would be an entry for capital gains as well as dividends in BLOCK C if they were realized during the period. The second example represents the proper method of reporting the source of \$130,000 of earned income from private law practice, as well as \$18,500 the reporting individual maintained in the capital account in the law firm at the end of the reporting period.

The third example represents acceptable reporting of an investment fund which is widely held, widely diversified (or publicly traded) and independently managed. Because it meets these requirements, no individual assets of the fund need to be reported, and the type of income does not need to be broken into dividends, interest, or capital gains as long as the column for “excepted investment fund” is marked. The fourth example reports a mutual fund held in an IRA from which the filer has accrued dividends of \$10,000.

Normally you will have to list an item only once in BLOCK A with all other value and income information associated with that item shown on the same line to the right. However, when you have a number of different kinds of financial arrangements and income involving one entity, a full disclosure of all the required information for that entity may

require more than one line. You may always use more than one line for clarification if you choose.

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## II. Property Interests and Assets

### (BLOCKS A and B)

#### A. Items to Report

Report the identity and category of valuation of any interest in property (real or personal) held by **you, your spouse or dependent child** in a trade or business, or for investment or the production of income which has a fair market value which **exceeds \$1,000** as of the close of the reporting period. These interests include, but are not limited to, stocks, bonds, pension interests and annuities, futures contracts, mutual funds, IRA assets, tax shelters, beneficial interests in trusts, personal savings or other bank accounts, real estate, commercial crops, livestock, accounts or other funds receivable, and collectible items held for resale or investment. **Exceptions:** Exclude your personal residence (unless rented out) and any personal liability owed to you, your spouse or dependent child by a spouse or dependent child, or by a parent, brother, sister or child of you, your spouse, or dependent child. Exclude any retirement benefits (including the Thrift Savings Plan) from Federal Government employment and any social security benefits. Exclude also any deposits aggregating \$5,000 or less in personal savings accounts in a single financial institution.

With respect to assets of a spouse or a dependent child, do not report items:

- (1) which represent your spouse’s or dependent child’s sole financial interest or responsibility and of which you have no knowledge;
- (2) which are not in any way, past or present, derived from your income, assets, or activities; and

(3) from which you neither derive, nor expect to derive, any financial or economic benefit.

**Note:** It is very difficult for most individuals to meet all three parts of this test, especially (3). For instance, if you file a joint tax return with your spouse, you derive a financial or economic benefit from the items involved and you are charged with knowledge of those items. A trust for the education of your minor child would also convey a financial benefit to you. Therefore, those asset and income items do not fit the test.

A personal residence held for investment or production of income, such as a summer home rented during parts of the year, must be reported.

Intermittent sales from personal property such as collections of antiques or art holdings demonstrate that the items are held for investment or the production of income and should therefore be reported.

## **B. What to Show on the Form**

Enter the identity of the asset in BLOCK A and then show the value in BLOCK B. **Only the category of value, rather than the actual value of the property interest or asset,** must be shown. You need not disclose which valuation methods you used.

**For assets such as stocks, bonds, and securities,** report any holdings directly held or attributable to **you, your spouse or dependent child** from one source totaling more than \$1,000 in value. **Identify the holding and show the category of value.** If you hold different types of securities of the same corporation (e.g., bonds and stocks of “X” Corporation), these holdings should be considered as being from the same source for purposes of determining whether the aggregate value of the interest is below or above the \$1,000 threshold value. Report personal savings accounts only if they

aggregate more than \$5,000 in a single financial institution.

If you have an interest in an investment fund or pool which is an “excepted investment fund” (see Definition of Terms above), you need only identify the interest by giving the complete name of the fund, rather than identifying the underlying assets as well.

**To report interests of you, your spouse, or dependent child in a business, a partnership, or joint venture, or the ownership of property held for investment or the production of income, identify the character of the ownership interest, and the nature and location of the business or interest, unless it is a publicly traded security.** For example, the entry for a holding of farm land might show, under BLOCK A... “sole ownership of 100 acres of unimproved dairy farmland in Madison County, Wisconsin.”

You must disclose the primary trade or business of non-public entities, as well as interests and activities not solely incidental to such a trade or business. For example, if your family is involved in a private real estate investment business but as a side interest buys stock through the business in a bank, your must disclose that in addition to real estate (by type and general location), the family business holds an interest in a bank.

For an IRA (Individual Retirement Account), indicate the value of each underlying asset, as well as the income derived therefrom (even though deferred for Federal tax purposes) in accordance with section IV below, to enable the reviewer to evaluate compliance with applicable laws and regulations. If the IRA were invested solely in a mutual fund such as “Templeton World Fund, Inc.” and the investment properly disclosed in Schedule A, that would be sufficient identification of the asset, since for most reporting individuals that fund would be an “excepted investment fund.” If, however, the IRA had an

individual or privately managed portfolio, detailed disclosure of the portfolio would be required on Schedule A in the same amount of detail as if each investment were directly held.

**With respect to trusts in which a vested beneficial interest in principal or income is held, or as to which you serve as trustee, report trust interests and trust assets which had a value in excess of \$1,000.** See 5 C.F.R. Part 2634 for more information about vested interests.

You need not report the identity of assets of a trust of which you, your spouse or dependent children are the beneficiaries if the interest is:

1. a “qualified blind trust” or “qualified diversified trust,” which has been certified by the Office of Government Ethics, in accordance with 5 C.F.R. Part 2634, Subpart D, or

2. an “excepted trust,” that is, one which:

A. was not created by you or your spouse or dependent children, and

B. has holdings or sources of income of which you, your spouse and dependent children have no knowledge.

In the case of these special types of trusts, you should show in BLOCK A the identity of the trust, including the date of creation, and in BLOCK C, the classification of the trust as a “qualified trust” or an “excepted trust.” You should also report in BLOCK B the category of the total cash value of the interest in a qualified blind or qualified diversified trust, unless the trust instrument was executed prior to July 24, 1995, and precludes the beneficiary from receiving information on the total cash value of any interest therein. (The category of amount of the trust income, if it exceeded \$200, must also be reported in BLOCK C, in accordance with section IV below.)

**Note:** You are not permitted by the statute to “create” an excepted trust by instructing a trustee not to divulge information of otherwise avoiding previous sources of knowledge upon entering Government service.

Do not report a trust of which your spouse or dependent child is a beneficiary that meets the three part test set forth in the second paragraph under II.A. A trust that does not fit that exception may still be an excepted trust under this section; in such case, it must be reported, but the assets need not be identified.

Except for the special trusts or funds referred to above, you must identify each individual investment held by a trust or fund, which had a value in excess of \$1,000. For example, in BLOCK A an entry such as “trust held by First National Bank (Boston, MA) consisting of ITT stock, U.S. Treasury certificates, and Dallas Municipal Bonds” might be made. In BLOCK B the applicable value of each trust asset would be entered. (As described under IV.B.6. Trust Income, below, the income from each asset would be entered in BLOCK C as well as income from assets of the trust sold during the reporting period.)

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### III. Earned and Other Non-Investment Income

#### (BLOCKS A and C)

##### A. Items to Report

For yourself, report the identity of the source in BLOCK A and the type and **actual** amount in BLOCK C of non-investment income **exceeding \$200** from any one source. Such income includes fees, salaries, commissions, compensation for personal services, retirement benefits, and honoraria. Report these items on the same line as related interests in property, if any.

**For your spouse, report the source, but not the amount,** of non-investment income exceeding \$1,000

and the source, amount and date of honoraria exceeding \$200 from any one source. **No report of the earned or other non-investment income of your dependent children is required.**

**Exclude** for yourself and spouse income from employment by the United States Government and from any retirement system of the United States (including the Thrift Savings Plan) or from social security.

##### B. What to Show on the Form

**1. HONORARIA** – For **you and your spouse**, show honoraria aggregating more than \$200 from any one source. Report the **identity of the source** in BLOCK A, and the **date** of the services performed and **actual amount** in BLOCK C. List each honorarium separately. For example, if, prior to your Government service, you received \$1,500 for a speech before the Chicago Civic Club on March 19, 1999 of which \$200 was actually spent for round-trip travel, and \$200 went to the agent who made the speaking arrangement, on your new entrant report you would enter in BLOCK A... “Chicago Civic Club, Chicago, IL”; in BLOCK C under OTHER (specify type)... “Honorarium”; for ACTUAL AMOUNT... “\$1,100,” and under DATE... “3/19/99.” Honoraria received and donated to charity must be reported, but a notation explaining that fact may be included in reporting such items. The source, date and amount of payments made or to be made directly to a charitable organization in lieu of honoraria must also be disclosed.

**2. EARNED AND OTHER NON-INVESTMENT INCOME** – Include all income, exclusive of honoraria, from non-investment sources including fees, commissions, salaries, and income from personal services or retirement. Report the **identity of the source and give the actual amount of such income** exceeding \$200 from any one source. For example, if you earned \$450 teaching at a law school,

enter in BLOCK A... “John Jones Law School, Rockville, MD”; in BLOCK C under OTHER... “Salary”; and under ACTUAL AMOUNT... “\$450.” If you earned \$75 for teaching in one law school and \$250 from teaching at another school, report only the \$250 amount. Report employee benefits and severance payments which meet the reporting requirements separately from salary.

If **your spouse** has earned income in excess of \$1,000 (other than honoraria) from any one source, **identify the source but show nothing under amount.** If your spouse is self-employed in a business or profession, for example as a practicing psychologist who earned \$10,500 during the year, you need only show under BLOCK A... “practicing psychologist.”

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### IV. Investment Income

#### (BLOCKS A and C)

Report items of investment income on the same line of Schedule A as the related property interest or other asset from which income is derived. Note that some property interests or other assets will not have a related item of income. In such a case, check “None (or less than \$201)” in BLOCK C under category of amount.

##### A. Items to Report

Report the identity in BLOCK A and the type and value in BLOCK C of any investment income over \$200 from any one source received by or accrued to the benefit of **you, your spouse or dependent child** during the reporting period. For purposes of determining whether you meet the over \$200 threshold from any one source, you must aggregate all types of investment income from that same source. For your spouse or dependent child such income is only required to be reported if the asset source meets the reporting threshold in section II above.

Investment income includes, but is not limited to: income derived from dealings in property, interest, rents, royalties, dividends, capital gains; income from annuities, the investment portion of life insurance contracts, or endowment contracts; your distributive share of partnership or joint venture income, gross business income, and income from an interest in an estate or trust. You need not show the actual dollar amount of dividends, rents and royalties, interest, capital gains, or income from qualified trusts, excepted trusts, or excepted investment funds. For these specific types of income, you need only check the category of amount of the item reported. For all “other investment income” as described in item 7 below, you will have to report the actual dollar amount of income from each source, and indicate the type in the space marked “Other Income (Specify Type & Actual Amount)” in BLOCK C.

## **B. What to Show on the Form**

**Check all applicable classifications of income and corresponding categories of amounts.** If more than one type of income is derived from the same asset, check all relevant types (unless an excepted investment fund) and categories of amount. Categories of amount may be distinguished by using the abbreviations D, R, I and CG in the boxes, in lieu of checks, to represent dividends, rents/royalties, interest or capital gains.

**1. DIVIDENDS** – Show in BLOCK C the amount **you, your spouse or dependent child** accrued or received as dividends from investment sources including common and preferred securities and underlying assets of pensions and mutual funds (unless an excepted investment fund). **Identify the source of such income and check the category of amount.** For example, if cash dividends of \$950 were received for shares of common stock of IBM, enter in BLOCK A ...“IBM common” and in BLOCK C check that dividend income was received and check the appropriate category of amount.

**2. RENTS AND ROYALTIES** – Show income accrued or received by **you, your spouse or dependent child** as rental or lease payments for occupancy or use of personal or real property in which any one of you has an interest. In addition, show payments accrued or received from such interests as copyrights, royalties, inventions, patents, and mineral leases or other interests. **Identify the source of such income and check the category of amount.** For example, if you received \$2,000 as rental income from an apartment building in Miami, Florida, enter in BLOCK A...“apartment building in Miami, FL,” and in BLOCK C check that rental income was received and check the appropriate category of amount.

**3. INTEREST** – **Identify the source and the category of amount** of any interest accrued or received by **you, your spouse or dependent child** as income from investment holdings including: bills and notes, loans, personal savings accounts, annuity funds, bonds, and other securities. For example, if you earned \$300 in interest during the calendar year on a Savings Certificate with Federal Savings and Loan, enter in BLOCK A...“Federal Savings and Loan (Baltimore, MD) – Savings Certificate,” and in BLOCK C check that interest income was received and check the appropriate category of amount.

**4. CAPITAL GAINS** – Report income from capital gains realized by **you, your spouse or dependent child** from sales or exchanges of property, business interests, partnership interests or securities. **Identify the source and check the category of amount of the gain.** An example of an entry in BLOCK A might be “sale of one-third interest in 100-acre farm in Hamilton County, Iowa” and in BLOCK C check that capital gains were received and check the appropriate category of amount.

**5. INVESTMENT FUND INCOME** – **Identify the fund and the category of amount and the type(s) of income** from investment funds such as mutual or pension funds for **you, your spouse or dependent child.** This may include dividends, capital gains and interest for a single fund or income from an excepted investment fund. Income from each individual asset of the fund must also be listed, unless it is an excepted investment fund, in which case income from individual assets is not required to be listed. See Definition of Terms above for discussion of excepted investment funds.

**6. TRUST INCOME** – Report the **category of amount and the type of income** accrued or received from any trust. Whenever you are required to identify the source of trust income, either for **yourself or for a spouse or dependent child**, it is not enough simply to say “John Jones Trust.” Generally, the investment holdings of the trust, discussed above under “Property Interests and Assets,” and the income derived from each holding must be identified to the same extent as if held directly. However, if the trust is a qualified trust or an excepted trust, in BLOCK A show only the identity of the trust including the date of creation, in BLOCK B the category of the total cash value of your interest (if a qualified trust), next to BLOCK C check the classification of the trust interest as a “qualified trust” or “excepted trust,” and in BLOCK C show the category of amount of income attributable to you, your spouse or dependent child.

**7. OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME** – Report any other items of investment income exceeding \$200 and not described above, along with the specific type and **actual amount**, such as gross income from business interests, endowment or annuity contract payments, estate income, or a distributive share of a partnership or joint business venture income. To identify the sources of other investment income, either for **you, your spouse, or a dependent child**, briefly characterize in BLOCK A the nature of the business or investment interest and, when applicable, the

location: for example...“one-third ownership in a retail furniture store in Chicago, IL.” In BLOCK C under OTHER, specify the applicable type of income, for example...“distributive share” from a partnership or “gross income” from a proprietorship, and under ACTUAL AMOUNT the actual amount of such income which was received during the reporting period. Where the asset is listed because of a value of greater than \$1,000 in BLOCK B, but it does not produce more than \$200 in income for the reporting period, check “None (or less than \$201)” instead of listing the actual amount.

## Schedule B

### I. Part I – Transactions

#### A. General Instructions and Items to Report

**This part is to be completed by incumbents and termination filers only.** Give a description, the date, and the category of amount of any purchase, sale, or exchanges of any real property, stocks, bonds, commodity futures, excepted investment fund shares, and other securities by **you, your spouse or dependent child** when the amount involved in the transaction exceeded \$1,000. Also, indicate whether sales were made pursuant to a certificate of divestiture previously issued by OGE to permit delayed recognition of capital gain. (For more information on certificates of divestiture, see 5 C.F.R. Part 2634, Subpart J.) This includes reporting any sale or exchange of an asset involving an amount exceeding \$1,000 when the sold or exchanged asset did not yield income of more than \$200 (and therefore was not reported on Schedule A), or reporting the purchase of an asset involving an amount exceeding \$1,000 but at the end of the reporting period having a value of \$1,000 or less and earning income of \$200 or less during the reporting period (and therefore not appearing on Schedule A).

The example on the form shows the proper way to disclose Central Airlines common stock the reporting individual purchased for \$75,000 on 2/1/99. Note that on Schedule A there is an entry for the stock as well since it was still held at the end of the reporting period.

You need not report a transaction involving (1) your personal residence (unless rented out); (2) a money market account or personal savings account; (3) an asset of your spouse or dependent child if the asset meets the three-part test set forth under the instructions for Schedule A, at II.A.; (4) a holding of a “qualified blind trust,” a “qualified diversified trust,” or an “excepted trust”; (5) U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and bonds; (6) transactions which occurred prior to your Federal Government employment; or (7) transactions solely by and between the reporting individual, spouse, or dependent child.

You will need to report any transactions made by a non-public business or commercial enterprise, investment pool, or other entity in which you, your spouse or dependent child have a direct proprietary, general partnership or other interest unless (1) the entity is an “excepted investment fund,” or (2) the transaction is incidental to the primary trade or business of the entity as indicated by you on Schedule A. (See also sections V.e. and f. of the General Instructions preceding those for Schedule A.)

#### B. What to Show on the Form

Under identification of assets, identify the property or securities involved in the purchase, sale or exchange, and give the date of the transaction. For example, under IDENTIFICATION OF ASSETS... “GMC common stock”; under TYPE OF TRANSACTION...check type; under DATE... enter date transaction occurred; under AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION...check the category of value of the sale price, purchase price, or exchange value of the property involved in the transaction. You must also

indicate whether an item was sold pursuant to a certificate of divestiture issued by the Office of Government Ethics under 5 C.F.R. Part 2634, Subpart J, to permit delayed recognition of capital gain.

Where multiple transactions have occurred which involve the same asset, you may list the item once, check purchase and/or sale, and indicate... “biweekly,” “throughout year,” or other appropriate frequency, and the aggregate amount of the sales and purchases. Reporting an exchange generally requires reporting two items since one item is exchanged for another.

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## II. Part II – Gifts, Reimbursements, and Travel Expenses

### A. General Instructions

**This Part is to be completed by incumbents and termination filers only.** The Act requires you to disclose the receipt of certain gifts, in-kind travel expenses, and travel-related cash reimbursements **by you, your spouse or dependent child** from any one source other than the U.S. Government. This reporting requirement applies to gifts and reimbursements received by your spouse or dependent child to the extent the gift was not given to him or her totally independent of the relationship to you.

### B. Items to Report

Report gifts received by **you, your spouse or dependent child** from any one source during the reporting period **aggregating more than \$350**, such as tangible items, or food, lodging, transportation, or entertainment; and travel-related cash reimbursements **aggregating more than \$350** from any one source. A “gift” means any payment, forbearance, advance, rendering or deposit of money, or anything of value, unless consideration of equal or greater value is received by the donor. In determining



which gifts and reimbursements must be reported or aggregated, **exclude** these items:

1. Anything having a value of \$140 or less;
2. Anything received from “relatives.” The term “relatives” means an individual who is your father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, great uncle, great aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister, your spouse’s grandfather or grandmother, or your fiancé or fiancée;
3. Bequests and other forms of inheritance;
4. Suitable mementos of a function honoring the reporting individual;
5. Food, lodging, transportation, and entertainment or reimbursements provided by a foreign government within a foreign country or by the United States Government, or D.C., State or local governments.
6. Food and beverages not consumed in connection with a gift of overnight lodging;
7. Anything given to a spouse or dependent child totally independent of the relationship to you;
8. Gift items in the nature of communications to your office, such as subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals;
9. Gifts of hospitality (food, lodging, entertainment) on the donor’s personal or family premises, as defined in 5 C.F.R. Part 2634;
10. Gifts and reimbursements received during non-Federal employment periods; and

11. Reimbursements you received for political trips which were required to be reported under section 304 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. § 434).

### **C. What to Show on the Form**

**1. GIFTS – Report the identity of the source, a brief description, and the value** of gifts aggregating more than \$350 from any one source which were received by **you, your spouse or dependent child** and which do not fall within any of the categories of exclusions enumerated above.

**a. Food, Lodging, Transportation, Entertainment.** Include travel itinerary, dates, and nature of expenses provided. To reach a more than \$350 aggregation, you determine whether any one or combination of the components within this gift category received from one source amounts to more than \$350 in value. For example, if you spent a weekend at a hunting lodge owned by AmCoal Corporation, and you received lodging fairly valued at \$195, food valued at \$155, and entertainment valued at \$165, the aggregate value of the gift is \$515. A gift of this nature – hospitality at a lodge owned by a corporation rather than an individual – would not qualify as a “personal hospitality” exclusion. To report this gift you would show, under SOURCE ... “AmCoal Corp., Chicago, IL”; under BRIEF DESCRIPTION... “lodging, food, and entertainment as a guest at hunting lodge owned by AmCoal, 1/25-27/99”; and under VALUE... “\$515.”

**b. Other Gifts** – If you and your spouse each receive a \$205 figurine from the same donor (source), the gifts have a value of more than \$350 and must be reported. To report a gift, identify the source, briefly describe the item(s), and show the value. In the case of the figurines, report on the form under SOURCE... “Artifact Co., Omaha, NE”; and under BRIEF DESCRIPTION... “two porcelain figurines.” Under VALUE... “\$410” would be shown.

**2. REIMBURSEMENTS – Report the source, a brief description (including a travel itinerary, dates, and the nature of expenses provided), and the value** of any cash reimbursements (except those from the United States Government or otherwise excluded) aggregating more than \$350 which **you, your spouse or dependent child** received from any one source. For example, if you were reimbursed \$455 for travel and lodging expenses in connection with a speech you made for the Denver Realtors Association, you would report this item on the form by showing under SOURCE... “Denver Realtors Assoc., Denver, CO”; under BRIEF DESCRIPTION... “travel expenses for speech made in Denver: United Airlines round trip from Washington, D.C. 1/22-23/00, \$295; Denver Airport Marriott, \$160”; and under VALUE... “\$455” would be shown. If your spouse made this speech and received the reimbursement totally independent of his or her relationship to you, no information for this item need be reported.

**Note:** If you receive food, transportation, lodging, and entertainment or a reimbursement of official travel expenses from a non-profit tax-exempt institution categorized by the IRS as one falling within the terms of 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), you must report the name of the organization, a brief description of the in-kind services or the reimbursement and the value. If known, you may also wish to note the date you received the required written approval from your agency to accept such items. See 5 U.S.C. § 4111 and 5 C.F.R. Part 410, Subpart E. You do **not** have to report an official reimbursement received **by the agency** since it will not be received by you in your personal capacity (nor by your spouse or dependent child). See 31 U.S.C. § 1353 (or other agency statute) and 41 C.F.R. Chapter 304.

## Schedule C

### I. Part I – Liabilities

#### A. General Instructions

The Act requires you to disclose certain of your financial liabilities. The examples on the form show how to report a mortgage on real estate the reporting individual held for the production of income and a promissory note. Note that you will need to disclose the date, interest rate and term (if applicable) of each liability. Also note you must disclose the highest amount owed on any liability held during the reporting period, not just at the end of the period. If the liability was completely paid during the period, you may also note that on the form if you wish.

#### B. Items to Report

Identify and give the category of amount of the liabilities which **you, your spouse or dependent child** owed to any creditor which exceeded \$10,000 at any time during the reporting period; **except:**

1. a personal liability owed to a spouse or dependent child, or to a parent, brother, sister, or child of you, your spouse or dependent child;
2. a mortgage or home equity loan secured by real property which is the personal residence (or a second residence not used for producing income) of you or your spouse;
3. a loan secured by a personal motor vehicle, household furniture, or appliances, where the loan does not exceed the purchase price of the item;
4. a revolving charge account where the outstanding liability did not exceed \$10,000 as of the close of the reporting period; and

5. any liability of your spouse or dependent child which represents the sole financial interest or responsibility of the spouse or child, and about which you have no knowledge, and which is not derived from your income, assets, or activities, and concerning which you neither derive nor expect to derive any financial or economic benefit.

You are required to report any liability of any non-public company, investment pool, or other entity, in which you, your spouse or dependent child have an interest, unless (1) the liability is incidental to the primary trade or business of the entity as indicated by you on Schedule A, or (2) the entity is an excepted investment fund. (See also sections V.e. and f. of the General Instructions preceding those for Schedule A.)

#### C. What to Show on the Form

Under CREDITORS (NAME, CITY AND STATE), show the name and location of the actual creditor unless the reporting individual is only able to identify a fiduciary and certifies in the report that he has made a good faith effort to determine who the actual creditor is and was unable to do so, or upon his certification that such determination is otherwise impracticable. Under TYPE OF LIABILITY, briefly indicate the nature of the liability. Under DATE, enter date loan incurred; under INTEREST RATE, note the set rate or, if a variable one, the formula used to vary the rate, i.e. prime +2%; and under TERM, show the duration of the loan. Check the category of value for the highest amount owed during the reporting period.

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### II. Part II - Agreements or Arrangements

#### A. General Instructions and Items to Report

Provide information regarding any agreements or arrangements you have concerning (1) future employment; (2) a leave of absence during your

period of Government service; (3) continuation of payments by a former employer other than the United States Government; and (4) continuing participation in an employee welfare or benefit plan maintained by a former employer other than United States Government retirement benefits. This includes any agreements or arrangements with a future employer entered into by a termination filer. The example on the form shows the severance agreement under which the reporting individual expects to receive a lump sum payment from the law firm he has left in order to enter the Government. (Also note the related asset and income reported in the second example on Schedule A of the form.)

For purposes of public disclosure, you must disclose any negotiations for future employment from the point you and a potential non-Federal employer have agreed to your future employment by that employer whether or not you have settled all of the terms, such as salary, title, benefits, and date employment is to begin. Your agency may require internal disclosure of negotiations much earlier and you should seek guidance before conducting any negotiations with persons with whom you do business. A criminal statute, 18 U.S.C. § 208, applies to official actions you may take while negotiating future employment.

#### B. What to Show on the Form

Under STATUS AND TERMS, describe the agreement or arrangement with appropriate specificity. Under PARTIES, show the name of the organization, or entity, and (if applicable) the name and title of the official, corporate officer, or principal person responsible for carrying out the terms of the agreement or arrangement. Under DATE, show the date of any such arrangement. **No report is required regarding any agreement or arrangement entered into by a spouse or dependent child.**

## Schedule D

### I. Part I - Outside Positions

#### A. Items to Report

Report all outside positions held at any time during the reporting period, as well as those positions you currently hold as an officer, director, trustee, general partner, proprietor, representative, employee or consultant of (1) any corporation, company, firm, partnership, trust, or other business enterprise; (2) any non-profit organization; (3) any labor organization; (4) any educational institution; or (5) any organization other than the United States Government. **Exclude** positions held in any religious, social, fraternal, or political entity, and any positions solely of an honorary nature. Be sure to report on Schedule A any income over \$200 that you received from acting in any of these positions. **No report is required regarding any positions held by your spouse or dependent child.**

#### B. What to Show on the Form

Give the name, location and brief description (type) of the organization, the title or other brief functional description of the position, and the dates you held the position. If you currently hold the position, in the entry block under TO, note "Present."

### II. Part II - Compensation in Excess of \$5,000 Paid by One Source

#### A. General Instructions

**This Part is to be completed by nominees and new entrants only.** You must disclose your sources of compensation in excess of \$5,000 and the nature or the duties you provided. This includes not only the source of your salary or other fees, but the disclosure of clients for whom you personally provided more than \$5,000 in services even though the clients'

payments were made to your employer, firm or other business affiliation. The examples on the form show the proper way to disclose the business affiliation which paid the reporting individual's compensation, in this case a law firm, and a client of the firm for which the reporting individual personally provided over \$5,000 worth of services. This Part does not require you to disclose the value of the compensation for these services; it does require a brief description of the services you provided. When a source has paid you directly, you should have a corresponding entry on Schedule A if the payment was within the reporting period for Schedule A. A client who paid your business affiliation more than \$5,000 for your services will appear only in this Part.

#### B. Items to Report

Report the nature of the duties performed or services rendered for any person (other than the United States Government) from which compensation in excess of \$5,000 in either of the two preceding calendar years or the present calendar year was received by you or an entity which billed for your services (business affiliation). **Exclude:** (1) information to the extent that it is considered confidential as a result of a privileged relationship established by law, or (2) information about persons for whom services were provided by a business affiliation of which you were a member, partner or employee unless you were directly involved in the provision of the services. The name of a client of a law firm is not generally considered confidential. **No report is required regarding compensation paid to your spouse or a dependent child.**

#### C. What to Show on the Form

Under SOURCE, give the name and location of the person to whom services were provided, for example, "Newark Real Estate Co. (Newark, NJ)"; and under BRIEF DESCRIPTION, the title or other brief functional description of the services rendered, for

example: "tax matters researched for above firm while an associate with Quinn and Ouspensky."

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### Privacy Act Statement

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record; and (9) to contractors and other non-Government employees working for the Federal Government to accomplish a function related to an OGE Governmentwide system of records. See also the OGE/GOVT-1 executive branchwide Privacy Act system of records. Knowing and willful falsification of information, or failure to file or report information required to be reported by section 102 of the Act, may subject you to a civil monetary penalty and to disciplinary action by your employing agency or other appropriate authority under section 104 of the Act. Knowing and willful falsification of information required to be filed by section 102 of the Act may also subject you to criminal prosecution.

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### **Important Note on Reporting of Higher-Value Category Items on Schedules A, B and C of the OGE Form 278:**

For assets, income, transactions and liabilities of over \$1,000,000 in value that are held solely by your spouse or dependent children, just mark the over \$1,000,000 column. For such items which you as the filer hold, either singly or jointly with your spouse or dependent children, you must mark the other higher categories of value, as appropriate. For assets, transactions and liabilities, the higher categories are \$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000; \$5,000,001 to \$25,000,000; \$25,000,001 to \$50,000,000; and over \$50,000,000. For income, the higher categories are \$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000; and over \$5,000,000. Asterisked notes on Schedules A, B, and C explain these higher-value category reporting requirements.