

From: Sara Nekou <snekou@oge.gov>

Subject: OGE FOIA FY 20-029

Date: March 17, 2020 at 4:24:02 PM EDT

To: "'aweismann@citizensforethics.org'" <aweismann@citizensforethics.org>

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Please let me know if you are referring to blind trust by stating "blind divestment process." Please contact me by email or phone call if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing back from you. Thank you.

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From: Anne Weismann <aweismann@citizensforethics.org>

Subject: Re: OGE FOIA FY 20-029

Date: March 17, 2020 at 4:37:06 PM EDT

To: Sara Nekou <snekou@oge.gov>

Thank you for your email. In response to your question the term "blind divestment process" was the term used by Mr. Kushner's attorney to describe a process he claims he coordinated with OGE. Therefore, we use the phrase in the broadest possible sense to include any process addressed in interactions between OGE and Mr. Kushner or his representative, including any qualified blind trust, qualified diversified trust, or any other process or procedure in connection with the divestiture of Cadre.

Anne Weismann

On Tue, Mar 17, 2020 at 4:24 PM Sara Nekou <<u>snekou@oge.gov</u>> wrote: Good afternoon

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Anne L. Weismann Chief FOIA Counsel CREW/Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington aweismann@citizensforethics.org 202-408-5565 From: **Sara Nekou** <<u>snekou@oge.gov</u>> Date: Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 8:57 AM

Subject: RE: FW: OGE FOIA 20/029

To: Anne Weismann aweismann@citizensforethics.org

Good morning Anne,

Thank you for the email. I have processed all the records, and forwarded them to the WH for consultation. Currently, I am waiting for the WH to review the records. I will let you know once I hear back from them. Thank you.

From: Anne Weismann [mailto:aweismann@citizensforethics.org]

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Sara Nekou < snekou@oge.gov >
Subject: Re: FW: OGE FOIA 20/029

Sara, I hope you are well. I am writing for an update on this FOIA. Over 1 1/2 months ago you advised we would have the documents within three weeks, but to date we have not received anything. Please advise.

Thank you.

Anne Weismann

From: Sara Nekou

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:17 PM

To: 'Anne Weismann' <aweismann@citizensforethics.org>

Subject: RE: OGE FOIA 20/029

Good afternoon Ms. Weismann

Thank you for the email. I am currently processing FOIA cases in order received by OGE, and I have five FOIA cases that are older than your request. However, I have all the responsive records ready, and I will get back to you with an status update once I start working on your request. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

From: Anne Weismann [mailto:aweismann@citizensforethics.org]

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 12:00 PM

To: Sara Nekou

Subject: OGE FOIA 20/029

Sara, can you give me an update on this FOIA, which we submitted on March 2 and which we clarified on March 17?

Thank you,

Anne Weismann

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On Tue, May 12, 2020 at 2:20 PM Sara Nekou < snekou@oge.gov > wrote: Good afternoon Ms. Weismann,

I hope all is well. I am contacting you to provide you with a status update regarding OGE FOIA FY 20-029. We have to consult with the White House regarding some of the documents that originated at the WH, and we should have the documents ready for you within the next three weeks. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information. Thank you.

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On Jul 13, 2020, at 4:09 PM, Jennifer Matis < jmatis@oge.gov > wrote:

Good afternoon,

We were able to reach our contact at the White House and expect to wrap up the consultation in the next few days. We will then proceed to complete the processing of this entire request as soon as possible. Unfortunately I cannot give you an exact date, but I will let you know when the consultation is complete.

We appreciate your patience.

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From: Jennifer Matis < imatis@oge.gov > Date: July 15, 2020 at 9:07:42 AM EDT

To: Anne Weismann < aweismann@citizensforethics.org >

Cc: Sara Nekou < snekou@oge.gov > Subject: RE: OGE FOIA 20/029

Good morning, our consultation with the White House is complete and we are finishing up processing the records. It is a top priority for us. However, I can tell you that the absolute soonest this could go out is about a week. I will give you an update next Wednesday. Again, we appreciate your patience.

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