OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Agency Information Collection Activities: Information Collection Renewal; Comment Request for OGE Form 278e Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: After this first round notice and public comment period, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) renew its approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act for an existing information collection, entitled the OGE Form 278e Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report.

DATES: Written comments by the public and agencies on this proposed extension are invited and must be received by August 2, 2021.

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

Email: usage@oge.gov (Include reference to “OGE Form 278e paperwork comment” in the subject line of the message.)


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; Email: ganderso@oge.gov. An electronic copy of the OGE Form 278e is available on OGE’s website at https://www.oge.gov. A paper copy may also be obtained, without charge, by contacting Mr. Anderson.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report.

Agency Form Number: OGE Form 278e.

Abstract: The OGE Form 278 collects information from certain officers and high-level employees in the executive branch for conflicts of interest review and public disclosure. The form is also completed by individuals who are nominated by the President for high-level executive branch positions requiring Senate confirmation and individuals entering into and departing from other public reporting positions in the executive branch. The financial information collected relates to: Assets and income; transactions; gifts, reimbursements and travel expenses; liabilities; agreements or arrangements; outside positions; and compensation over $5,000 paid by a source—all subject to various reporting thresholds and exclusions. The information is collected in accordance with section 102 of the Ethics in Government Act, 5 U.S.C. app. sec. 102, as amended by the Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112–105) (STOCK Act) and OGE’s implementing financial disclosure regulations at 5 CFR part 2634.

In 2013, OGE sought and received approval for the OGE Form 278e, an electronic version of the Form 278, implemented pursuant to the e-filing system mandated under section 11(b) of the STOCK Act. The OGE Form 278e collects the same information as the OGE Form 278. In 2014, OGE sought and received approval to incorporate the OGE Form 278e into its Integrity e-filing application. Integrity has been in use since January 1, 2015, and OGE now requires filers to use a version of the OGE Form 278e rather than the old OGE Form 278. The version of the Form 278e that is produced by Integrity is a streamlined output report format that presents only the filer’s inputs in given categories and does not report other categories not selected by the filer. OGE also continues to maintain an Excel version of the form and a 508 compliant PDF version on its website.

OMB Control Number: 3209–0001.

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

Type of Review Request: Regular.

Affected Public: Private citizen Presidential nominees to executive branch positions subject to Senate confirmation; other private citizens who are potential (incoming) Federal employees whose positions are designated for public disclosure filing; those who file termination reports from such positions after their Government service ends; and Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 4,196.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Burden: 31,960 hours.

Request for Comments: OGE is publishing this first round notice of its intent to request paperwork clearance renewal for OGE Form 278e. 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 may be included with, the OGE request for extension of OMB paperwork approval. The comments will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: May 27, 2021.

Emory Rounds,
Director, U.S. Office of Government Ethics.
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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Agency Information Collection Activities: Information Collection Renewal; Comment Request for OGE Form 450 Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: After this first round notice and public comment period, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) plans to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) renew its approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act for an existing information collection, entitled the OGE Form 450 Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.

DATES: Written comments by the public and agencies on this proposed extension are invited and must be received by August 2, 2021.

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

   Email: usoge@oge.gov. (Include reference to “OGE Form 450 paperwork comment” in the subject line of the message.)


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; Email: ganderso@oge.gov. An electronic copy of the OGE Form 450 is available on OGE’s website at https://www.oge.gov. A paper copy may also be obtained, without charge, by contacting Mr. Anderson.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

   Title: Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.

   Agency Form Number: OGE Form 450.

   Abstract: The OGE Form 450 collects information from covered department and agency employees as required under OGE’s executive branch-wide regulatory provisions in subpart I of 5 CFR part 2634. The basis for the OGE reporting regulation is section 201(d) of Executive Order 12674 of April 12, 1989 (as modified by Executive Order 12731 of October 17, 1990) and section 107(a) of the Ethics in Government Act, 5 U.S.C. app. sec. 107(a). OGE maintains the form in three formats on its website: a PDF version, a 508 compliant PDF version, and an Excel spreadsheet version. OGE seeks renewal of the OGE Form 450 without modification.

   OMB Control Number: 3209–0006.

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

Type of Review Request: Regular.

Affected Public: Prospective Government employees, including special Government employees, whose positions are designated for confidential disclosure filing and whose agencies require that they file new entrant confidential disclosure reports prior to assuming Government responsibilities.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 30,449.

Estimated Time per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 91,347 hours.

Request for Comments: OGE is publishing this first round notice of its intent to request paperwork clearance renewal for the OGE Form 450. 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 may be included with, the OGE request for extension of OMB paperwork approval. The comments will also become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS’ intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency’s functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 2, 2021.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. Electronically. You may send your comments electronically to http://