

July 13, 2011

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye Chairman Committee on Appropriations United States Senate S-128, The Capitol Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hal Rogers Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Room H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairmen:

Pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 111-117, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, the Office of Government Ethics is requesting approval to retain 50 percent of the fiscal year 2010 unobligated balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2010. Sec. 609 reads:

Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances remaining available at the end of fiscal year 2010 from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses for fiscal year 2010 in this Act, shall remain available through September 30, 2011, for each such account for the purposes authorized; Provided, That a request shall be submitted to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate for approval prior to the expenditure of such funds: *Provided further*, That these requests shall be made in accordance with reprogramming guidelines.

We propose to use the majority of funds, totaling \$46,000, to obtain the services of a public accounting firm in order to comply with the Accountability of Tax Dollars Act of 2002, for OGE's annual audit and also for OGE accounting services.

A copy of this request is being provided to the chairmen and ranking members of the Senate and House of Representatives Committees on Appropriations and the Subcommittees on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations.

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If you need additional information with regard to this request, please contact me at 202-482-9292.

Sincerely,

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Budget Authority	Commitments	Unpaid Obligations	Prepayments	Expenditures	Total Actuals	Prepayments Expenditures Total Actuals Funds Available
14,000,000.00		0.00 420,993.02		0.00 13,487,000.64 13,907,993.66	13,907,993.66	92,006.34

50% unobligated Balance Carryover 10/11

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