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To whom it may concern:

I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted.

OGE should:

- Remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional; we need this to be mandatory and ethics strongly enforced!
- Replace the proposed recusal requirement with a broader 5-year recusal requirement that prevents donors of cash (or in-kind !) gifts from influencing decisions, policies, or regulations affecting them or the industries in which they have substantial interests
- Remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser (a senior military officer who is being COURT MARTIALED FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT can raise funds to fight the accusations/silence victims.)
- Place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

I appreciate your considering my comment to the rules changes. As a United States citizen and voter, I am expecting that policies and taxpayer funds are being used properly and within ethical boundaries, and our changes to policy represent not a loosening of standards that leads to corruption, but firm walls that protect the public interest.

Thank you,

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