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Subject: press inquiries
Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:13:47 PM

We started receiving dozens of press calls as soon as the President-elect announced his plan to divest his assets. Here's the response our spokesperson is sending out to them:

Like everyone else, we were excited this morning to read the President-elect's twitter feed indicating that he wants to be free of conflicts of interest. OGE applauds that goal, which is consistent with an opinion OGE issued in 1983. Divestiture resolves conflicts of interest in a way that transferring control does not. We don't know the details of their plan, but we are willing and eager to help them with it.

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From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:14 AM
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Subject: Can we talk today?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

Kelsey D. Phipps

From: Shelley K. Finlayson
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 12:31 PM
To: Brandon A. Steele
Subject: Fw: link

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From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 8:07 AM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Fw: link

Here's the link to the opinion. Get all of these tweets posted as soon as humanly possible.

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Kelsey D. Phipps

From: Shelley K. Finlayson
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 12:29 PM
To: Brandon A. Steele
Subject: Fw: Tweets ASAP

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From: Walter M. Shaub
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 8:04 AM
To: Shelley K. Finlayson
Subject: Tweets ASAP

Post the following tweets. I would like them posted first thing --8:30 if possible or as soon as possible thereafter . Post them all at once.

@realDonaldTrump OGE is delighted that you've decided to divest your businesses. Right decision!

@realDonaldTrump As we discussed with your counsel, divestiture is the way to resolve these conflicts

@realDonaldTrump this aligns with OGE opinion that POTUS should act as if 18 USC 208 applies (put link to 1983 opinion after this one)

@realDonaldTrump Bravo! Only way to resolve these conflicts of interest is to divest . Good call!

@realDonaldTrump Brilliant! Divestiture is good for you, very good for America!

@realDonaldTrump We can't repeat enough how good this total divestiture will be

@realDonaldTrump - we told your counsel we'd sing your praises if you divested, we meant it

@realDonaldTrump this divestiture does what handing over control could never have done

@realDonaldTrump OGE applauds the "total" divestiture decision. Bravo!

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