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Mr. Walter M. Shaub, Jr.
Director
United States Office of Government Ethics
1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500
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Dear Mr. Shaub:

The Senate Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations has received your letter dated April 10, 2013, requesting approval of your proposal to retain up to 50 percent of the fiscal year 2012 unobligated balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2012. Your letter explains that you plan to use the majority of funds, totaling \$133,452.17, 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 for accounting services.

The Committee has reviewed the information submitted and has no objection. Therefore, the Committee approves this request.

Sincerely,



Frank R. Lautenberg
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial Services
and General Government

cc: Senator Mike Johanns
Ranking Member