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March 30, 2009

Mr. Robert I. Cusick  
Director  
United States Office of Government Ethics  
1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20005-3917

Dear Mr. Cusick:

The Senate Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government Appropriations has received your letter dated March 24, 2009, requesting approval of your proposal to retain up to 50 percent of the fiscal year 2008 unobligated balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008. Your letter explains that you plan to use the majority of funds, totaling \$35,930, 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 agency accounting services. In addition, you intend to use a small portion of the total (\$5,930) for travel costs related to reviewing Federal agency ethics programs. The funds would remain available until September 30, 2009.

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

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government



Susan M. Collins  
Ranking Member  
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