ETHICS PROGRAM REVIEW FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Agency: Federal Communications Commission

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As a result of its review of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ethics program, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) issued four recommendations in its August 2022 review report. OGE conducted a follow-up review to assess whether FCC has taken sufficient action to resolve the deficiencies underlying these recommendations. The results of the follow-up review are summarized below.

	Recommendation	Agency Action and OGE Finding	Status
1	Ensure that new entrant public financial disclosure reports are filed timely.	OGE examined all new entrant public reports required to be filed at FCC during 2023. All were filed timely.	Closed
2	Certify all calendar year 2021 public financial disclosure reports that are pending certification.	OGE used the <i>Integrity</i> online public financial disclosure filing system to generate a report showing the certification status of all of FCC's 2021 reports. OGE verified that all 2021 reports had been certified.	Closed
3	Ensure that all public financial disclosure reports are certified timely.	OGE examined filing data for all public new entrant, annual, and termination reports filed at FCC during 2023. OGE determined that only 48% (44 out of 91) were certified timely.	Open
4	Ensure that confidential financial disclosure reports are filed timely.	OGE examined a sample of new entrant and annual confidential reports provided by FCC. Filing timeliness improved to 93% (new entrant) and 87% (annual).	Closed

Based on the results of OGE's follow-up review, recommendations 1, 2, and 4 are closed. OGE will conduct an additional follow-up review in approximately three months to assess whether FCC has taken sufficient action to resolve the deficiencies underlying the recommendation which remains open.