

June 17, 2022

Ms. Amy Coyle  
Deputy General Counsel  
Designated Agency Ethics Official  
Council on Environmental Quality  
730 Jackson Place, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Coyle:

The purpose of this letter is to describe the steps that I will take to avoid any actual or apparent conflict of interest while serving in my position as Senior Director for Environmental Justice at the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ).

As required by the criminal conflicts of interest law at 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which I know that I have a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which I know that a person whose interests are imputed to me has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the particular matter, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me:

- Any spouse or minor child of mine;
- Any general partner of a partnership in which I am a limited or general partner;
- Any organization in which I serve as an officer, director, trustee, general partner, or employee; and
- Any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

In the event that an actual or potential conflict of interest arises during my appointment, I will consult with a CEQ ethics official and take the measures necessary to resolve the conflict, such as recusal from the particular matter or divestiture of an asset.

I have been advised that the duties of the position of Senior Director for Environmental Justice may involve particular matters affecting the financial interests of Empowering a Green Environment and Economy, LLC. CEQ has determined that it is necessary at this time for me to divest my ownership interest in this entity because my recusal from particular matters in which these interests pose a conflict of interest will substantially limit my ability to perform the essential duties of the position of Senior Director for Environmental Justice. Accordingly, for as long as I own this interest, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge, has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of this entity, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). **I have filed a certificate of dissolution with the State of Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs as of today.** I am aware that I am not permitted to accept a "Golden Parachute" payment from this

company when transitioning to work for the Federal Government, in accordance with Executive Order 13989 (Ethics Pledge).

Further, I have been advised that the duties of the Senior Director for Environmental Justice may involve particular matters affecting the financial interests of the following entities:

- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- George Washington University
- Honeywell International, Inc (HON)
- NextEra Energy, Inc (NEE)

CEQ has determined that it is not necessary at this time for me to divest my interests in these entities because the likelihood that my duties will involve any such matter is remote. Accordingly, with regard to each of these entities, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to my knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of the entity for as long as I own it, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2).

I understand that as an appointee I will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge and that I will be bound by it. Among other obligations, I will be required to recuse from particular matters involving specific parties involving my former employer or former clients for a period of two years after I am appointed, with the exception of Federal, state and local government. These former employers and clients include:

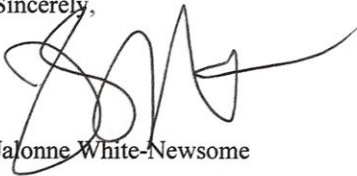
- Empowering a Green Environment and Economy, LLC
- State of Michigan Department of Energy, Environment and Great Lakes
- Bloomberg Philanthropies
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Institute of Market Transformation
- Institute of Sustainable Communities
- Union of Concerned Scientists
- Great Lakes Protection Fund
- C.S. Mott Foundation
- Aspen Global Change Institute
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Metro Vancouver Regional Services
- Health and Environmental Funders Network
- Alley
- Global Philanthropy Partnership
- Arabella Associations
- Sand County Foundation

- The Water Foundation
- Environmental Protection Agency (Office of Research and Development, Energy Star)
- Battelle Memorial Institute
- Hawaii Community Foundation
- US Water Alliance
- University of Pennsylvania

I understand this recusal from particular matters under the Ethics Pledge includes communicating with or meeting before any of these entities, unless the communication or meeting is open to all interested parties.

Finally, pursuant to the impartiality regulation at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502, I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which I know one of the above listed entities where I have served in the past year as an employee, officer, or consultant, is a party or represents a party, unless I am first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jalonne White-Newsome', written over a printed name.

Jalonne White-Newsome