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GE employees engage with public officials at all levels of government-local, state and federal. Employees educate officials on our Company's operations, emerging technologies and markets, as well as on our views on public policy issues. All advocacy done by our employees on pending U.S. legislation is included in our Lobbying Disclosure Act (LDA) filings.

GE conducts lobbying activities in compliance with applicable laws and regulations governing such activities. In the U.S., certain communications with federal, state and/or local government officials or government employees may be reportable as lobbying communications included in GE's LDA reports and/or state or local lobbying disclosure reports. Certain countries outside the United States may also require disclosure of lobbying activities.

Before engaging in lobbying activities, employees are asked to contact the President, Government Affairs & Policy or his or her designee. GE regularly trains employees on what types of activities and communications constitute reportable lobbying activities. Prior approval from GE's President, Government Affairs & Policy is required before GE may retain an outside entity to engage in lobbying activities.

Reviewing and Reporting Lobbying Expenses

As part of its oversight role in public policy and corporate social responsibility, the Governance and Public Affairs Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors receives and semiannually reviews reports on the Company's lobbying expenses. GE uses the Internal Revenue Code method to detail its lobbying expenses in its federal Form LD-2 lobbying report filed each calendar quarter. Under this method, expenses related to state and/or local legislative lobbying in all 50 states are included in GE's total lobbying expense reported each quarter and reviewed semiannually by the Committee. In limited circumstances, when an issue is of particular strategic importance, the Company may use advertisements or other public communications to urge support for specific legislation or public policy. Grassroots lobbying expenses also are included in our LDA filings.

GE's Federal Lobbying Disclosure Reports are available here.

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