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**Subject:** RE: NYT question: Website down  
**Date:** Thursday, February 09, 2017 1:31:14 PM

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Hello Daniel,

Our website has been overwhelmed by traffic today and a number of times this year. It was down for a few minutes on 1/13 but has been back up except for brief maintenance windows until today. Historically we've had around 300,000 page requests per year and our infrastructure was built for that kind of load. This year (40-days), we have received more than 5-millions file requests.

The traffic is not malicious, it is just volume vs capacity and our capacity is behind.

We are looking for ways to redirect traffic and add capacity. This is a bit difficult given our resource constraints, but we're working on it.

Please give me a call if you additional questions or contact Vincent Salamone, our Press Liaison, at (202) 482-9274 or [vjsalamo@oge.gov](mailto:vjsalamo@oge.gov)

V/R,

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**From:** Victor, Daniel [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2017 11:33 AM  
**To:** Michael Hanson  
**Subject:** NYT question: Website down

Hello Michael,

I'm a reporter at The New York Times, and I'm writing a story about Kellyanne Conway's comments this morning in which she endorsed Ivanka Trump's products.

I was intending to do research on the OGE website and noticed it was down, and I also noticed an NPR story from 1/13 saying it was down on that day, too.

So I was just wondering: Has it been down this whole time, or did it just go under again today because of the new interest? Is it down due to lots of traffic?

I would very much appreciate any help. Email is fine, or feel free to call at ██████████ if you prefer.

