1 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 2015 JAN 28 AM 9: IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF EXELON CORPORATION, : PEPCO HOLDINGS, INC., POTOMAC : Formal Case ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, EXELON : No. 1119 ENERGY DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC AND : NEW SPECIAL PURPOSE ENTITY, LLC : FOR AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL OF : 3 PROPOSED MERGER TRANSACTION. : ORIGINAL Washington, D.C. Tuesday, January 20, 2015 The hearing in the above-captioned matter began at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to notice, held at the University of the District of Columbia Community College Conference Room, 801 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. BEFORE: BETTY ANN KANE, Chairman JOANNE DODDY FORT, Commissioner WILLIE L. PHILLIPS, Commissioner Reported by: Christine Allen

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1	PROCEEDINGS	0
2	(6:00 p.m.)	
3	CHAIRMAN KANE: Good evening. I was	
4	going to say please be seated, as we usually do,	
5	but everybody is already seated. For the record,	
6	this is a hearing of the Public Service Commission	
7	of the District of Columbia. It is January 20,	
8	2015. I'm Betty Ann Kane, the chairman of the	
9	Commission. Seated to my right is Commissioner	
10	Joanne Doddy Fort, and seated to my left is	
11	Commissioner Willie L. Phillips.	
12	If I could ask the folks who are	
13	standing in the door to please not speak. Thank	
14	you.	
15	We are beginning at 6:00 p.m., and we	
16	are holding this hearing in the conference room of	
17	the University of District of Columbia at 801	
18	North Capitol Street, N.E.	
19	This is the last of four community	
20	hearings that the Commission has held to solicit	
21	public input on the June 18, 2014 application, a	
22	joint application, of Exelon Corporation, PEPCO	

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1	Holdings, Inc., the Potomac Electric Power
2	Company, Exelon Energy Delivery Company, and New
3	Special Purpose Entity, LLC, an application for
4	approval by the Commission pursuant to D.C. Code
5	34-504 and 34-1001 for a change of control of
6	PEPCO, the electric distribution company that
7	serves the District of Columbia. The Commission
8	has designated this case as Formal Case No. 1119.
9	The Commission will also hold an
10	evidentiary hearing on February 9 to 13, 2015 to
11	determine if the proposed merger transaction is in
12	the public interest. In making the public
13	interest determination, the Commission will look
14	at seven public interest factors, which we
15	determined in our Order No. 17597, and these
16	factors will look at the effects of the
17	transaction on:
18	Number one, the ratepayers,
19	shareholders, the financial health of the utility
20	standing alone as and merged, and the economy of
21	the District;
22	Second, on utility management and

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administrative operations; 1 Third, on public safety and the safety 2 3 and reliability of services; 4 Four, on the risks associated with all of the joint applicants' affiliated non-5 jurisdictional business operations, including 6 7 nuclear operations; 8 Five, the Commission's ability to regulate the new utility effectively; 9 10 Six, the impact on competition in the local retail and wholesale markets that impact the 11 District and District ratepayers; and, finally, 12 Seven, on the conservation of natural resources 13 and the preservation of environmental quality. 14 15 The Commission has several ways to receive public input and comment on matters before 16 the Commission. Certain interested parties may 17 18 intervene as a party in our proceedings. In this case, the Commission issued an Order No. 17530 on 19 June 27, 2014 to allow interested persons to 20 21 intervene in Formal Case No. 1119, and we ruled on those motions to intervene in Orders No. 17597, 22

1 17642, and 17658.

2	These orders can be access online at
3	www.dcpsc.org or viewed at the public libraries
4	that are listed in that notice. And I would say
5	that all of the documents that have been filed in
6	this case can be access by going to our website
7	and looking under Formal Case No. 1119. You can
8	also get a hard copy of any of the material by
9	calling our Commission secretary's office, 626-
10	5150.
11	Interested persons who want to make
12	their views known to the Commission but who do not
13	want to be a party or who don't qualify for party
14	status are encouraged to share their views at
15	these community hearings or by filing your views
16	in writing with the Commission's secretary at 1333
17	H Street N.W., Suite 200, West Tower, Washington,
18	D.C. 20005; by email to the secretary's office,
19	and that email address is psc-
20	commissionsecretary@dc.gov; or through the
21	Commission's eDocket system, which again is at
22	www.dcpsc.org/edocket.asp.

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1	We will keep the record open in this	T
2	case to receive comments, written comments,	
3	emailed comments, and of course all of the	
4	comments that are made this evening through March	
5	26, 2015. Through March 26th.	
6	In addition to tonight's hearing, the	
7	Commission has already held three, as I mentioned,	
8	other community hearings in different places in	
9	the city, both in January and last month in	
10	December.	
11	Like this hearings, this evening's	
12	hearing is being audio recorded, and it will be	
13	placed on our website, the audio recording, for	
14	later listening. We will call the community	
15	witnesses who have signed up with the Commission	
16	secretary's office by the deadline; we have 56	
17	people who have signed up, followed by anyone who	
18	has signed up today to speak.	
19	And certainly you are welcome after	
20	today's hearing, or if you don't get all the way	
21	through your testimony we will give individuals	
22	three minutes to speak; if you're representing an	

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1	organization, you'll have five minutes to speak,	-
2	so you may need to summarize your testimony but	
3	the full record, your full testimony, can be	
4	submitted for the record.	
5	And speaking of things on the record, we	
6	did have a question that was raised at our last	
7	hearing about the way the letters coming in from	
8	the community were being characterized or	
9	described. And we apologize. There were some	
10	errors in our haste to get all of that material up	
11	on the website and into eDocket. Some people who	
12	had apparently spoken against it were	
13	characterized as speaking for, et cetera.	
14	We have redone the docketing system for	
15	this, and so we are now just putting the letters	
16	on and indicating that a person spoke on this	
17	topic. We determined that it was probably not	
18	appropriate that we try to reinterpret the	
19	position of any particular person.	
20	The letters are all there and your	
21	testimony is all there for everyone to see. I	
22	think we're pretty much finished redocketing	

everything. But please understand that we take 1 very seriously everything that anyone says. 2 It will all be given great weight in our final 3 consideration and in our deliberations on making a 4 determination of the public interest of this 5 6 hearing. I'm going to then, as I said, call the 7 people first who have signed up, and we do have a 8 clock there so you can keep track of how you're 9 doing. I ask you to come to the microphone, come 10 to the podium, and try to speak into the 11 12 microphone. 13 Not only is it being audio recorded, but 14 we have a court reporter here who takes it all And so we also post a transcript, a written 15 down. transcript, of each of our hearings, as we will 16 deal with the evidentiary hearings in February 17 18 We post that on our website so that also. everyone can see all the different suggestions, 19 opinions, ideas, viewpoints, et cetera, that were 20 21 presented to the Commission. 22 There being no further matters, let me

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1	start. And the first person I'm going to call is	13
2	Commissioner Albrette Ransom. Ms. Ransom? And as	
3	you first come up, if you'd simply identify	
4	yourself. Let us know if you're with an	
5	organization or you're speaking on your own	
6	behalf.	
7	MS. RANSOM: Good evening, Chairwoman	
8	Kane, Commissioner Fort, and the newly installed	
9	Commissioner Phillips. My name is Albrette	
10	Ransom. I'm known as Gigi. I am a Ward 5	
11	resident and for six-term commissioner, advisory	
12	neighborhood commissioner.	
13	To prepare for my testimony during the	
14	latter part of 2014, I did attend one of OPC's	
15	education sessions, and I did have a meeting with	
16	PEPCO President Cooper and Vice President Battle.	
17	I had an opportunity to review the Federal	
18	Regulatory Commission's, FERC's, order authorizing	
19	this proposed merger issued on November 20, 2014,	
20	and also the D.C. Attorney General's comments from	
21	back in July, along with the information that I	
22	obtained from the various meetings and sessions.	

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1	Though FERC authorized this proposed	-
2	horizontal merger, throughout this 64-page	
3	document the Commission's determination sometimes	
4	requested further involvement of the market	
5	monitor, such as on the effect of horizontal	
6	competition, potential capacity, market demand	
7	responses, et cetera. And I hope this will be	
8	looked at also by the Commission.	
9	For the accounting component of the	
10	merger, proposed merger, FERC does not permit the	
11	applicants to recover any merger-related costs	
12	through their transmission rates without first	
13	making the required Section 205 filing and	
14	receiving the authorization from FERC. And I'm	
15	assuming that will also apply here.	
16	FERC provided guidance to the local PSCs	
17	in their order on the potential impact of the	
18	vertical competition and on the merger's	
19	combination of generation and natural gas input.	
20	And I'm sure you will be doing the same.	
21	From the Attorney General's comments, I	
22	also agree we definitely need to look at the	

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15 upgrading of the reliability and quality of 1 services, continuation of the D.C. PLUG project, 2 and also look at research of and use of advances 3 in small grid transmissions and distribution 4 technologies that also do not adversely affect 5 ratepayers and is provided cost-effectively. 6 7 Regarding the economy of the District, I see that there should be at least a \$100 credit or 8 more as a benefit of the merger, as is being 9 10 provided to the other states involved that are 11 within PEPCO Holdings, and also to offer additional benefits to customers and consumers 12 13 should be looked at more closely for possible increases in amounts directed to the specific 14 15 programs. 16 Though the application cites Exelon as an industry leader in adopting renewable energy 17 technology, the application does not provide any 18 clear indication of how the proposed acquisition 19 would either hinder or advance the District's 20 21 goals in this area, as set forth in the Clean and Affordable Energy Act and promoting affordable, 22

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	1	sustainable energy resources for the District's	ΤŪ
	2	retail electric consumers, which should be	
	3	clarified in your final order.	
	4	I'd like to speak a little bit in	
	5	closing on the ring financing (sic). I'm sure	
	6	that Exelon- proposed measures to effectively	
	7	insulate PEPCO from potential financial and credit	
	8	risk of other Exelon businesses through the ring	
	9	fencing will be thoroughly reviewed by you.	
1	0	Though this is mainly done to protect	
1	1	consumers for the needed, required essential	
1	2	services, this also protects from instability of	
1	3	bankruptcy in the parent company resulting from	
1	4	losses in the open market activities.	
1.	5	Also included in this is the customer	
1	6	information I would like you to look at that,	
17	7	through the parent company, can only use the	
18	3	District's customers' personal information by	
19	9	obtaining the information from PEPCO through them	
20)	asking their customers to opt in on any program	
21	-	that Exelon may be offering, as opposed to opting	
22		out, for their protection of information.	

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	1	Let me see. Okay. There are also risks	⊥ /
	2	regarding this open market capability. So if it's	
	3	within your authority, while the Commission	
	4	considers within this proposal the ring fencing,	
	5	that PEPCO Holdings and its assets also be	
	6	protected from the diversion of cash for other	
	7	potential expansion opportunities by Exelon	
	8	outside of the District of Columbia and that would	
	9	not be of direct benefit to the District of	
1	10	Columbia, and for PEPCO from being responsible for	
	11	any potential or alleged legal activities	
]	12	performed by the parent company, Exelon.	
1	13	One last thing. With other legitimate	
1	14	and justified requests made to the Commission to	
1	15	improve this proposed merger, I can give full	
1	L 6	support. At this time, my current support is	
1	7	half-hearted for I feel additional protections are	
1	. 8	needed to what has been proposed to protect the	
1	9	District's interests.	
2	0	Thank you for providing me with this	
2	1	opportunity.	
22	2	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you very much, Ms.	

1	1 Ransom.	18
2	2 Romaine Thomas?	
3	3 MS. THOMAS: Chairwoman Kane,	
4	4 Commissioners Fort and Phillips, good evening. I'm	
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6	5 Romaine Thomas. I am the chair of the D.C.	
7	Commission on Aging. The legislation tasks the	
8	B D.C. Commission on Aging with advocating to the	
9	mayor, D.C. Council, and the public on the needs	
10	and concerns of the more than 100,000 individuals	
11	aged 60-plus residing in the District.	
12	Seniors are among the most fragile and	
13	vulnerable of our residents. The reliability and	
14	cost of electric service is critically important	
15	to seniors. Lack of electric service, even for a	
16	short period, is at best troublesome; but for	
17	seniors, loss of electric service can mean loss of	
18	life.	
19	A few things that we are concerned about	
20	in terms of this merger that's taking place or in	
21	process now is the reliability of electric	
22	service. And we have focused on that for quite	

	1	some time here in the District, and it seems to be	19
	2	some improvement. So we ask at this point, will	
	3	this acquisition slow down these efforts that we	
	4	have seen underway?	
	5	Older residents of D.C. must know that	
	6	when the lights go off, every effort is being made	
	7	to get them back on quickly. Electric outages play	
	8	a major role in the health and sense of well-being	
	9	experienced by seniors.	
2	10	We are also concerned about the type of	
-	11	control that DCPSC will have over the large entity	
]	12	and the impact DCPSC can have on rates, customer	
1	L3	quality, service issues, and overall local	
1	4	regulatory affairs. This acquisition will make	
1	. 5	Exelon one of the largest utility companies on the	
1	6	East Coast, with substantial market influence	
1	7	stretching from illness to Maryland.	
1	8	Apparently, under an acquisition	
1	9	arrangement, the acquiring company will be in	
2	0	charge of everything. If Exelon makes all key	
2	1	company policies and decisions, what can older	
2	2	D.C. residents expect? Given the fact that the	

corporate headquarters will be located in Chicago, 1 how will the PSC provide oversight of this 2 corporation? Exelon's answer to these questions 3 should be made a matter of record. 4 5 And then we are also concerned about merger benefits, and these must be tangible and 6 measurable. And we ask that the Public Service 7 Commission carefully consider the supposed public 8 benefits of this proposal. Benefits must be both 9 10 tangible and measurable. Please do not base your decisions on intangible or immeasurable 11 aspirations that I understand have been claimed by 12 13 the applicant. 14 Another concern is performance goals, and performance goals should be measured locally, 15 not regionally. The Commission must ensure 16 appropriate performance goals and measures are 17 established, and that penalties and fines will be 18 promptly imposed when performance goals are not 19 20 met. 21 Penalties and fines should be based on performance in each specific area, not in average 22

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21 across all service areas. Averaging performance 1 goals across all jurisdictions puts D.C. residents 2 3 at a distinct disadvantage. We also ask that you review what the 4 state of Maryland will receive if this acquisition 5 is approved versus what D.C. 6 7 consumers will receive. Is this 8 equitable? The acquisition will forever change 9 D.C.'s utility, we believe, the utilities 10 landscape as we know it. And so please ensure the 11 public interest is given the best weight it 12 deserves. Please proceed only after you have 13 taken due deliberation. 14 15 Thank you for your time and attention. 16 Thank you. 17 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Ms. Thomas, and thank you for your service on the Commission 18 19 on Aging. 20 MS. THOMAS: Thank you. 21 CHAIRMAN KANE: Guy Durant? 22 MR. DURANT: Good afternoon. My name is

Guy Durant, and I'm here on behalf of the
 Brookland Solar Coop. Solar energy and green
 energy is very important to Ward 5 residents and
 Brookland residents, and I just want to make it
 clear that I'm here to oppose the merger between
 Exelon and PEPCO.

7 I understand there's been some issues with categorizing opposition. Some people might 8 say you can tweak or fix it. I don't think you 9 have the time or resources to fix such a bad deal 10 So even if someone or even if myself 11 right now. say we would like to see this or that, I'm still 12 opposed because tweaking or fixing at this point 13 is a little too late. So I don't think that this 14 deal can be saved. I'd like the Commission to 15 16 definitely oppose it.

I really also think that this should be a rate case and the People's Counsel should be involved. But that's a structural issue I'll let you guys deal with. I think that having the Office of the People's Counsel trying to represent D.C. would have been a better way to do things,

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but you guys chose to do it differently. 1 2 So I respect that, but I just want you to know that in future I hope this will be handled 3 a little more open, not during the holidays. 4 I sent a letter to the Commission when the snowstorm 5 hit saying you should have rescheduled the hearing 6 because a lot of people that would have come out 7 8 to oppose this merger. 9 You guys went ahead anyway and you held the hearings. I think that was a mistake, and you 10 11 should have additional hearings, and you should extend the time for comment. I think you actually 12 put people's lives at risk when you go ahead with 13 hearings during snowstorms, when senior citizens 14 and other people could slip on ice and not get 15 16 here to testify. 17 And so rushing this agenda is really not Rushing the merger is not good. And I just 18 qood. wanted to object to that as I object to the merger 19 20 as well. So getting to the substance of why the 21 merger should be rejected, there's a lot of 22

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Of course, the green energy initiative, 1 reasons. 2 trying to make sure that commitment to solar 3 energy is protected, that solar gardens are protected. 4 The future, we believe, is that not only will homeowners be the ones that benefit the 5 most through tax credits and other benefits for 6 7 solar, but businesses.

8 We have a lot of land here, and Ward 5 is heavily commercial. And as we start to save 9 energy, which should be the goal, and we start to 10 make ourselves greener, we don't want a company 11 that relies mainly on nuclear power and has a 12 history of opposing solar and opposing wind and 13 opposing green initiatives, and mainly -- unless 14 15 they own it, of course.

Now, if they own it, sure. They'll make Now, if they own it, sure. They'll make money on it. But when we own it and when we save money ourselves, they're not for that because it hurts their bottom line. And of course, they're bleeding money right now, so they're going to pump us dry. Maybe not now, maybe not in the next three years, but in five, 10 years, the long term.

25 Their corporate culture, unfortunately, is kind of 1 toxic, literally, to the D.C. residents who 2 support green energy. 3 4 We saw what happened in other nuclear Although we're not ourselves directly 5 areas. close to a nuclear plant, I think any wind from 6 nuclear disasters as they start to cut their 7 budgets could affect us. 8 We've already had an earthquake on the East Coast. So I could talk a 9 lot about nuclear, but let me focus on the solar. 10 11 So as we want more businesses to go solar, we want more churches to go solar, we want 12 more tenants to benefit, there's legislation and 13 there's laws that allow for solar gardens and for 14 net metering and smart metering that allow people 15 16 to benefit. 17 In order to grow that, the incentives for solar and the incentives for everyone to be 18 able to buy solar no matter where it is, it takes 19 cooperation from a partner on the side. PEPCO has 20 been working with the government in the past and 21 with the solar community to make sure that solar 22

26 is a priority and that we grow our solar 1 2 commitment. 3 Exelon has not shown that commitment So let's talk about the tweaks. Can Exelon 4 yet. Maybe. That's a long maybe. I'm going to 5 fix it? say it again. Maybe. But I'm against it because 6 7 I know they're not going to. 8 So why am I saying that? You've heard from so many people about how they've already 9 10 opposed solar. Solar does not seem to benefit their bottom line. Now, if they could come out 11 with a position paper and actual commitments 12 showing that they're going to increase locally 13 owned solar that they don't make a dime on, and 14 they're going to increase it to the standards that 15 16 D.C. wants, that would be interesting. 17 I haven't heard that. I haven't heard them talk -- a lot of times even asking them about 18 their ringfencing, they want to claim privilege 19 and not disclose everything about how they're 20 going to actually do their ringfencing. 21 22 So there's a lot of concerns and red

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1	flags about this merger. So I just want you to	2,
2	commit to solar, open up to the Office of People's	
3	Counsel, and let's reset this. Start from	
4	scratch. Extend the hearings. Give us more time.	
5	And then we can do this from scratch the right	
6	way. Thank you.	
7	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Durant.	
8	I will note, because I didn't make it clear,	
9	People's Counsel is a statutory party this is	
10	for everybody People's Counsel is a statutory	
11	party in all of our cases. They are very much a	
12	part of this case.	
13	I see representatives from People's	
14	Counsel who are here this everything. There's the	
15	People's Counsel, Sandra Mattavous-Frye. They are	
16	very much involved in this case.	
17	MR. DURANT: Will you extend hearings	
18	because of the snowstorm?	
19	CHAIRMAN KANE: We will always take all	
20	suggestions under advisement. Thank you. But we	
21	are keeping the record open.	
22	Hugh Youngblood? Mr. Youngblood?	

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1	(No response.)	20
2	CHAIRMAN KANE: Not here. Anita Archie?	
3	Anita Archie? Oh, Judi Jones, all right, is	
4	replacing Ms. Archie. Thank you. You can just	
5	read from your copy, and then when you're	
6	finished, give it to the secretary's office.	
7	MS. JONES: All right. Good evening,	
8	ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for letting me	
9	testify before you this evening. My name is Judi	
10	Jones. I would like to dedicate my public service	
11	tonight to two cousins who passed away during the	
12	holiday whom I dearly loved, Hal Williams and	
13	Bryan Burwell.	
14	I'm an ANC member of the Lamond CDC	
15	board, Neighbors for Neighborhood.org, a resident,	
16	voter, and PEPCO customer. During my single-	
17	member district meetings in 2014, our community	
18	reviewed all of our utilities. PEPCO and D.C.	
19	Water were accessible and approachable on a number	
20	of issues and concerns, including this merger.	
21	While PEPCO has its issues, the board	
22	and executives, namely, Joe Rigby and Donna	

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1	Cooper, are Washington, D.C. residents, voters,	
2	and PEPCO customers. They relate to our concerns	
3	and are responsive to our progress in my	
4	community.	
5	The last three mayors promoted	
6	sustainability programs and implementations that	
7	included solar panels, wind power, and green	
8	roofs, none of which are Exelon's strong points in	
9	their mission statement. Exelon's strength is	
10	their vertical and horizontal trusts.	
11	They are loaded for bear when it comes	
12	to gobbling up the competition. However, their	
13	mission statement runs contrary to the Washington,	
14	D.C. sustainability plans and agenda. Exelon is	
15	better suited to enter into areas of	
16	telecommunications and natural gas markets more	
17	than our electric utility, and that seems to be a	
18	better fit for the Washington, D.C. market.	
19	Further, if the merger is approved and	
20	Washington, D.C. is the only one of the	
21	surrounding states in the Northeast not to agree	
22	to a rate hike or some other matter, what power	

would our Public Service Commission have to stand 1 up against all other states? 2 3 I like our hometown electric utility. There is definitely room for improvement, but we 4 are capable of implementing those improvements and 5 building more value in the stock for a better 6 overall product for PEPCO customers, business 7 partners, and shareholders. 8 9 There is already competition in the marketplace. Exelon is not the fit that 10 Washington, D.C. is looking for in a competitive 11 12 electric utility. I urge the Public Service Commission to use its power to say no to the 13 merger, challenge PEPCO to implement a better 14 product, challenge the City Council and mayor to 15 make a better offer to PEPCO shareholders, and 16 make PEPCO a truly public utility, owned and 17 18 operated by its own residents, voters, and therefore allow the Public Service Commission to 19 hold onto its power and use it for the betterment 20 21 of residents, voters, and customers. Thank you. 22 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Ms. Jones.

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1	Gene Solon?	31
2	MR. SOLON: Once again, good evening,	
3	Chairman Kane, Commissioners Fort and Phillips.	
4	I, Gene Solon, a Southwest D.C.	
5	homeowner, now submit Formal Case 1119	
6	testimony additional to that I submitted at your	
7	January 6th hearing in Anacostia and your January	
8	12th hearing in the Southwest laboratory.	
9	At the previous hearings, I recalled my	
10	unease with thinly rationalized testimony from	
11	some business and social service groups claiming	
12	that the proposed merger would create a "bigger is	
13	better" D.C. energy utility from which their	
14	groups would receive greater benefits than PEPCO	
15	now provides.	
16	I expressed my respect for the testimony	
17	of a January 6th witness who made clear that such	
18	contributions do benefit a relatively small	
19	percentage of D.C. residents, but that the real	
20	issue is whether the proposed merger fully honors	
21	D.C. government official policy affecting entire	
22	citywide populations, including the policy called	

Sustainable D.C., encouraging cooperative effort 1 to make our nation's airplane a model energy-2 efficient city. 3 I referred to testimony submitted by 4 expert consultants Chang and Hempling, whose 5 reality-based, comprehensive, and methodologically 6 sound analyses show that the proposed merger would 7 do more harm than good. This evening I focus upon 8 the testimony of expert Tyler Comings, who 9 expressed serious flaws in the methodology the 10 applicants used to claim that the proposed merger 11 would produce net job increases and other economic 12 13 benefit. 14 PSC officials, Mr. Comings' stronglyworded testimony showed that for the following 15 reasons, the applications have failed to make the 16 17 case for the merger: 18 One, the applicants' witnesses have failed to provide an unbiased, accurate assessment 19 of the proposed merger's impact on jobs because 20 their calculations have ignored inevitable job 21 losses normally associated with mergers, and 22

because the applicants' very definition of "new 1 jobs" is not the correct definition and hence 2 3 misleading. Two, the applicants' depiction of the 4 relationship between job levels and reliability 5 6 levels is seriously flawed. Three, the applicants' calculation of 7 economic impact is "grossly incomplete," and 8 9 that's a quote. 10 D.C. businesses, social service organizations, and residents in general should 11 realize that establishing Chicago-based Exelon as 12 the merger parent company is one of the serious 13 costs we face because that places the merged 14 entity too far away geographically and otherwise 15 from our Public Service Commission, from our 16 Office of the People's Counsel, from Sustainable 17 D.C. policy, and from the D.C. taxpayers' 18 19 legitimate interests. 20 All of us must heed attorney Hempling's reality-based recommendations that the PSC should 21 reject Exelon's proposed merger because "the 22

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benefits do not justify the costs." Sadly, that's 1 the bottom line. 2 3 Again, A, the methodologically sound analysis by experts Chang, Hempling, and Comings 4 expose an Exelon/PEPCO proposal that's too 5 vaporous; B, I found no proof that PEPCO cannot 6 thrive and become more reliable without merging 7 with Exelon; and C, my research deepened my 8 concern that rate-reducing competition between 9 independent energy suppliers will be constricted 10 if PEPCO is subsumed by a Chicago-based energy 11 supply and distribution giant that has acted 12 against growth in solar and wind energy use, and 13 that may, by nature, act to weaken D.C. citizens' 14 ability to keep local energy rates affordable. 15 16 We all must take seriously expert Comings' reminder that your Order No. 17530 states 17 that public utility mergers "must benefit the 18 public rather than merely leaving it unharmed," 19 and we all must deal firmly with the unfortunate 20 reality that the Exelon/ PEPCO proposal actually 21 puts the public in harm's way. Please reject it. 22

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1	Thank you.	55
2	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Solon.	
3	Kelly Brinkley?	
4	(No response.)	
5	CHAIRMAN KANE: Michael Sindram?	
6	(No response.)	
7	CHAIRMAN KANE: Robert Vinson Brannum?	
8	(No response.)	
9	CHAIRMAN KANE: Lena Moffit?	
10	(No response.)	
11	CHAIRMAN KANE: Ben Springer?	
12	(No response.)	
13	CHAIRMAN KANE: Steven Moore?	
14	(No response.)	
15	CHAIRMAN KANE: David Crotts?	
16	(No response.)	
17	CHAIRMAN KANE: The Reverend Charles	
18	Brown?	
19	(No response.)	
20	CHAIRMAN KANE: Jermaine Brown?	
21	(No response.)	
22	CHAIRMAN KANE: Did I hear someone say	

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	1	here? No? All right.	20
	2	Pat Bahn?	
	3	(No response.)	
	4	CHAIRMAN KANE: Jesse Roman?	
	5	MR. ROMAN: Good evening. It's Jeffrey	
	6	Roman.	
	7	CHAIRMAN KANE: Jeffrey. J-E-F-F-R-E-Y?	
	8	MR. ROMAN: Correct.	
	9	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you.	
1	0	MR. ROMAN: I'd like to begin this	
1	1	evening by disclosing that as of 2014, I was a PHI	
1	2	employee. I am no longer. These words are my	
1	3	own. However, in my time with PHI, I was privy to	
1	4	the fact that they have a strong commitment to the	
1	5	District of Columbia, in particular with solar	
1	6	renewable energy, demand response, and energy	
1	7	efficiency.	
1	8	I see no reason why this would change	
19	9	under the leadership of Exelon. As a matter of	
2(C	fact, the leadership will really essentially	
21	1	remain unchanged. As you are aware, the	
22	2	Commission of the District of Columbia will not	

37 lose any oversight responsibilities. Neither will 1 the Office of the People's Counsel. 2 They are 3 statutory requirements. The new PEPCO will be regulated in 4 really no different manner than it currently is, 5 and there will be no need for any new regulation; 6 as PHI is now regulated, so will be Exelon. 7 That 8 will not change. 9 Most importantly, I think that there are significant economies of scale that can be 10 achieved under this merger. With greater access 11 to resources, PEPCO will be able to better serve 12 its customers in times of storms and emergencies. 13 I think these are benefits that cannot go 14 15 unnoticed and should be recognized. Thank you. 16 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Roman. 17 Melanie Hom? 18 (No response.) 19 CHAIRMAN KANE: Mark Buscaino? 20 MR. BUSCAINO: Good evening. My name is Mark Buscaino. I'm the executive director of 21 22 Casey Trees.

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1	CHAIRMAN KANE: Could you spell your	00
2	name?	
3	MR. BUSCAINO: B-U-S-C-A-I-N-O.	
4	CHAIRMAN KANE: Okay. Buscaino.	
5	MR. BUSCAINO: Sure. Our mission is to	
6	restore, enhance, and protect the tree canopy of	
7	our nation's capital. And I'm here to provide	
8	testimony on factor No. 7.	
9	In 2001, I served as Mayor Anthony	
10	Williams' chief forester for the District of	
11	Columbia. Following that, I moved on to the USDA	
12	Forest Service as the national director of the	
13	Urban and Community Forestry Program, which	
14	provided financial and technical support to D.C.'s	
15	growing urban forestry program at the time. And	
16	since 2005, I've served as executive director of	
17	the nonprofit, Casey Trees.	
18	The transformation I've seen up close	
19	and firsthand in the District, the stewardship of	
20	its street, park, and now private lot trees since	
21	2001, really has been transformational. With the	
22	city's advances in its stewardship of trees, so	

1 followed PEPCO.

As I'm sure you're aware, one of the Most contentious issues in D.C. is resident concerns about street tree pruning for line clearance. PEPCO effectively deals with this on a variety of different levels at this point in time.

7 First, it coordinates its work with the 8 District's Urban Forestry Administration, as you 9 probably know, the UFA, and they have instituted 10 some very creative solutions to ongoing issues. 11 For instance, for large, high-value trees, wires 12 and poles are sometimes relocated instead of 13 cutting the tree to achieve required clearances.

14 Growth regulators are also used to 15 reduce pruning and increase the lifespan of the 16 tree in some cases. The relationship, in fact, 17 between PEPCO and UFA has grown so seamless that 18 they now present on their work at conferences 19 across the country.

20 Second, in a majority of cases, resident 21 concerns arise because they don't understand why 22 the trees are being pruned in the first place and

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1	because tree-trimming work can be very loud and	ΥU
2	disruptive. To address these realities, PEPCO is	
3	aware that a little information goes a long way.	
4	PEPCO now distributes flyers to	
5	residents weeks in advance informing them of	
6	pending line clearance work, and their staff of	
7	professional arborists are here to respond to and	
8	resolve resident concerns before they become	
9	neighborhood revolt. Casey Trees often refers	
10	residents to PEPCO, and in most of the cases,	
11	those concerns are allayed.	
12	In addition to these practices, over the	
13	past three years Casey Trees and PEPCO have been	
14	exploring how we can work together to help deal	
15	with the issue of tree-wire conflicts. From this	
16	partnership emerged a jointly funded initiative	
17	which encourages homeowners to plant trees on	
18	their lots instead of underneath or near adjacent	
19	power lines.	
20	Through this program, tree-wire	
21	conflicts are significantly reduced or eliminated.	
22	Neighborhood tree canopy is preserved and	
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1	expanded. Trees are planted in areas with more	41
2	available soil than between the curb and the	
3	sidewalk, with better chances for long-term	
4	survival.	
5	Residents are incentivized and educated	
6	on how they can help reduce tree-wire conflicts.	
7	And perhaps most important, a contentious issue is	
8	transformed into a positive relationship, with	
9	long-term benefits for PEPCO and the city as a	
10	whole.	
11	Along with these initiatives, the	
12	undergrounding program that PEPCO and the city	
13	have recently embarked upon is something we fought	
14	for for many years, a green or living wall	
15	installation PEPCO is undertaking at its	
16	substation in Brookland, and other initiatives.	
17	For us at Casey Trees, that PEPCO is	
18	working to maintain our tree canopy while reducing	
19	tree-wire conflicts is groundbreaking. Instead of	
20	conflicts, we see an attempt at collaboration,	
21	which has really been quite helpful to us.	
22	To summarize, I've watched PEPCO	

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1	firsthand make significant strides in conserving	
2	the District's natural resources by instituting	
3	approved practices that reduce tree-wire conflicts	
4	and engaging in common- sense programs that help	
5	expand D.C.'s historic tree canopy.	
6	Through these actions, PEPCO is walking	
7	the talk in terms of its commitment to D.C.'s tree	
8	canopy. It is our hope, therefore, that no matter	
9	what occurs with this merger, that the commitment	
10	that PEPCO is now showing to preserve and	
11	expanding D.C.'s tree canopy will endure for the	
12	benefit of generations to come. Thank you.	
13	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you.	
14	Tamara Wilds-Lawson?	
15	MS. WILDS-LAWSON: Good evening,	
16	Chairman Kane and Commissioners. My name is	
17	Tamara Wilds-Lawson, and I am the director of	
18	Posse D.C. I am honored to be here to speak on	
19	behalf of the Posse Foundation's Washington, D.C.	
20	office in support of PEPCO and its parent company,	
21	PEPCO Holdings, proposed merger with Exelon.	
22	Each year PEPCO's generous support plays	

1	an invaluable role in the critical work that Posse
2	does in the D.C. area, and we look forward to
3	sustaining and growing this great partnership.
4	Posse is a comprehensive college
5	scholarship program that recruits and trains
6	talented young leaders from urban high schools and
7	sends them in groups of 10, or what we call
8	posses, to top colleges and universities. Since
9	2004, Posse D.C. has selected 550 Scholars who
10	have been awarded over \$73 million in merit-based
11	leadership scholarships.
12	Since 2012, Posse D.C. has benefitted
13	from a strong partnership with PEPCO, which has
14	included sponsorship of our annual Power of 10
15	fundraiser, hosting an institutional donors
16	luncheon, which is a thank-you event for our
17	longstanding corporate and foundation supporters.
18	They have provided critical DAP space.
19	DAP stands for Dynamic Assessment Process. It's
20	how we interview young people in a group setting.
21	And they hosted us at their headquarters, which
22	meant that young people from D.C., Montgomery

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	1	County Public Schools, and Prince Georges County	4
	2	Schools who were nominated could go to an	
	3	interview in a central location that was Metro-	
	4	accessible.	
	5	They were also our most recent marquee	
	6	2015 award ceremony sponsor at the Lincoln	
	7	Theatre, and that allowed us to keep the event	
	8	truly in the spirit of being a whole community	
	9	event. And most significantly, they've hosted a	
1	0	paid intern for us.	
1	1	His name is Kevin Garcia, he's a 2013	
1	2	graduate of Sewanee, the University of the South,	
1	3	and he was an organizational effectiveness intern	
1	4	at PEPCO in the summer of 2012. Kevin is	
1	5	currently the director of corporate services. He	
1	6	is gainfully employed, and we believe his	
1	7	experience at PEPCO helped prepare him for that	
18	3	opportunity.	
19	9	PEPCO's financial investment and	
20)	generosity has made it possible for countless	
21		Posse Scholars like Kevin to thrive on our six	
22	2	partner college and university campuses. Another	

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1	l Scholar, Opeyemi Awe, started at Grinnell College	
2	2 the year our partnership with Posse began. Opi is	
3	3 currently a senior, and she is SGA president at	
4	Grinnell. She has distinguished herself as a	
5	Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow and will have a	
6	job waiting for her upon graduation.	
7	PEPCO's commitment to our Scholars and	
8	our program enabled us to provide the guidance and	
9	support necessary to help Opi and Kevin succeed.	
10	We were able to travel to their campuses and check	
11	in with them and run our career program, which is	
12	what connected Kevin to PEPCO.	
13	I'm also very excited to share that our	
14	sister site, Posse Chicago, enjoys a similarly	
15	productive relationship with Exelon, which along	
16	with its foundation has been investing in Posse	
17	Chicago since 2009. The partnership expanded	
18	substantially in 2013 when Jonathan W. Thayer,	
19	Exelon's CFO, chief financial officer, joined the	
20	Posse Chicago advisory board. Like PEPCO in D.C.,	
21	Exelon has also hired Posse Scholars as interns,	
22	hosted events for Posse Chicago, and made	
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1	substantial contributions each year.	46
2	We are so pleased that all we have grown	
3	to know and love about PEPCO will remain the same,	
4	and that Exelon is committed to engaging with the	
5	community in meaningful ways, as it has done with	
6	Posse in Chicago.	
7	Thank you for the opportunity to share	
8	our positive experiences partnering with PEPCO,	
9	whose belief in our mission enables us to continue	
10	building a diverse pipeline of leaders who will	
11	sit at the tables where decisions are made and	
12	better represent the voices of all Americans.	
13	Thank you.	
14	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you very much, Ms.	
15	Lawson.	
16	Gary Butler?	
17	MR. BUTLER: Good afternoon. I know I'm	
18	in the right place whenever I see my elementary	
19	school principal, Ms. Thomas, here. It's great to	
20	see her still serving the community. I'm going to	
21	try to be real quick, so I'm going to go through	
22	what I've prepared. I just did this today.	

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1	Good afternoon, Chairman Kane,	1,
2	Commissioner Fort, and Commissioner Phillips. My	
3	name is Gary Butler. I am the ANC commissioner	
4	for single-member district 7B03 in Ward 7. I	
5	would like to take this opportunity to thank the	
6	Commission for holding this hearing on such an	
7	important matter.	
8	After attending two prior meetings and	
9	talking with members of my community about how	
10	this merger affects us in Ward 7, I have heard	
11	stories, both positive and negative. I like to	
12	give it to you real, the way I hear it, so	
13	therefore I would like to first start with the	
14	positive, which is very short.	
15	PEPCO helps Goodwill and a number of	
16	churches with payment. These are actual community	
17	comments. You can pay monthly if you would like	
18	to spread it out throughout the course of the	
19	year. I don't know what that was, but they	
20	will give you a couple of extra days to pay if you	
21	fall behind. "Business as usual" is the best way I	
22	can relay this number of feelings that I heard	

48 from certain people. "PEPCO keeps the lights on," 1 as another resident stated. 2 Now, on the other hand, the negative 3 comments were of concern to me as an elected 4 neighborhood representative. What about jobs? 5 PEPCO never hired people living in the community. 6 My PEPCO bill is all messed up. I have two other 7 energy companies on my bill. I thought PEPCO was 8 my provider. I'm sure that has to do something 9 10 with all this chaos going on. 11 Therefore, with those two brief real life examples and comments from neighbors and just 12 speaking with people around my community, I have 13 formed my opinion. With the long history of PEPCO 14 in D.C., going back to when residents had the 15 fight over on Benning Road with the River Terrace 16 community and the main road plan, to this massive 17 undergrounding taking that we're going through 18 now, I believe most of my neighbors and friends 19 would agree that PEPCO and Exelon -- I believe 20 that's pronounced correct -- for them not to have 21 an award-winning community benefits package for 22

49 the residents of the District of Columbia is 1 2 shameful 3 We live in the time where economic development, STEM programs, and jobs are the talk 4 of the town here in D.C., and a great number of 5 residents in Ward 7 are not afforded the 6 opportunities or access to the industry and are 7 excluded when it comes to being employed. 8 9 So for PEPCO and Exelon, business partners in nonprofit community organizations, to 10 come before this board and to bloviate about 11 putting together an industry standard package is 12 neglectful to the people of this city. 13 14 D.C. is unique and deserves to be treated as such. We have very different issues 15 every 2 miles in any direction. So to hear about 16 rates that can vary is very alarming to people in 17 18 the middle class. Yes, we do exist. 19 So when I witness the same organizations lining up to give biased praise to PEPCO and 20 21 Exelon for their contributions, I have to ask myself, where are the real benefits? We don't see 22

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1	them and we don't feel the real benefits.	50
2	I hope that the Public Service	
3	Commission denies this merger and asks PEPCO and	
4	Exelon to develop a better community benefits	
5	package that can be measurable and one that can	
6	include or have special attention to Ward 7	
7	communities in the immediate area of the Benning	
8	Road plan.	
9	Two examples, real quick. Collaborate	
10	with H.D. Woodson and the University of the	
11	District of Columbia to provide scholarships	
12	specifically geared towards fields that this new	
13	company will be looking to hire. Adopt schools	
14	being proposed in the River Terrace communities,	
15	and provide additional STEM funds and emerging	
16	language programs for schools in Ward 7.	
17	And lastly, I would like to say I also	
18	would ask you to deny this merger based on the	
19	representation from PEPCO, Marc Battle. At our ANC	
20	commissioner meeting last Thursday the 15th, he	
21	came out to give an update to our community on the	
22	benefits of the merger.	

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1	Still to this day I don't know what the	01
2	benefits are. He could not elaborate the real	
3	benefits of this merger to my community, and my	
4	community to this day still have questions.	
5	Thank you, and I appreciate your time	
6	and attention on this matter.	
7	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you very much,	
8	Commissioner Butler.	
9	Kesh Ladduwahetty?	
10	MS. LADDUWAHETTY: Good evening,	
11	Commissioners. My name is Kesh Ladduwahetty and I	
12	had originally signed up to testify as an	
13	individual. But I will actually be testifying on	
14	behalf of an organization, if that's all right.	
15	But my testimony actually shouldn't take much	
16	longer than three minutes.	
17	D.C. for Democracy is a progressive	
18	organization. We have members in every ward of	
19	the city. And we appreciate the opportunity to	
20	weigh in on this very important issue in which our	
21	members have a vital stake.	
22	This merger means more to us than \$50 in	

our pockets or thousands of dollars in charitable 1 contributions. This decision, we feel, is about 2 the energy foundation of our local economy, and 3 that has huge implications for the entire planet 4 5 and for our community. 6 We believe the people of Washington, D.C. have a wonderful opportunity before us. We 7 can transition from polluting energy sources to 8 9 clean energy. We can transition from finite energy sources to renewable energy. And we can 10 transition from centralized, corporate-owned 11 12 energy sources to decentralized, community-owned 13 energy. 14 We believe that clean, renewable, 15 community-owned energy, especially solar, offers the greatest benefits to the people of Washington, 16 D.C. in the form of lower energy costs, green 17 18 jobs, a more resilient economy, and better health 19 for people and the planet. 20 PEPCO as it is currently structured is more consistent with this vision. Having divested 21 its energy-generating facilities 15 years ago, 22

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1	PEPCO is now free to buy energy from any source,	
2	and this independence is a good thing for the	
3	District of Columbia since PEPCO would be willing	
4	to buy community-owned solar energy as long as it	
5	is priced competitive.	
6	But if Exelon takes over PEPCO, D.C.	
7	residents will tie ourselves to the biggest	
8	nuclear energy company in the United States. And	
9	nuclear energy, while low in carbon emissions, is	
10	polluting, through both mining operations that	
11	extract uranium and the radioactive waste that	
12	persists for hundreds and thousands of years.	
13	Nuclear energy is not renewable, relying	
14	on limited sources of radioactive minerals. And	
15	nuclear energy is a highly centralized industry,	
16	dominated by a handful of large corporations that	
17	use their resources to influence public policy to	
18	their advantage.	
19	To summarize, Exelon is the polar	
20	opposite of the clean, renewable, community- owned	
21	energy infrastructure that we feel will most	
22	benefit the people of the District of Columbia.	

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1 We urge you to vote for the public interest of D.C. residents. Vote no to this merger. 2 Thank 3 you. 4 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you very much. 5 David Owens? 6 MR. OWENS: Good evening, Chairman Kane and Commissioners Fort and Phillips. I'm David K. 7 Owens. I'm executive vice president of business 8 operations and regulatory affairs at the Edison 9 10 Electric Institute. EEI is the national trade association for privately owned utilities. Exelon 11 and PEPCO Holdings as well as PEPCO are EEI member 12 13 companies. 14 I have more than 35 years of utility 15 experience, and I've been a resident of the District of Columbia for over 40 years. Thus, as 16 a D.C. resident, I have a keen interest in this 17 proceeding. You should also be aware that I am 18 the board chair of IDEA Public Charter School. 19 Commissioner Joanne Fort serves as the vice chair. 20 21 Now, you explained the seven factors that are being examined by the Commission. These 22

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1	factors, in my view, relate to the impact of the	
2	proposed merger on rates, reliability, and clean	
3	power development. Today I want to address these	
4	areas in the context of distributive generation.	
5	Clearly there is strong support	
6	nationwide for the use of non-carbon-emitting	
7	renewables, and utilities are leading the	
8	renewable charge. But there's also a growing	
9	concern about DG systems shh as customer-owned	
10	wind and solar facilities. Rooftop solar	
11	facilities are probably the most dominant source	
12	of distributive generation.	
13	Those renewable technologies, as we	
14	know, are variable technologies. That means that	
15	they don't produce electricity when the sun isn't	
16	shining and the wind isn't blowing. And in order	
17	to assure around-the-clock reliability, they need	
18	to be backed up and balanced with non-renewable	
19	energy power plants that are connected to the	
20	electricity grid.	
21	The prior speaker pointed out some of	
22	the cost differentials between community-based	

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1	rooftop solar, and I'll just echo some of her	
2	points. We all know that rooftop solar is	
3	probably the most expensive form of electric	
4	generation, costing roughly \$3.60 a watt. And we	
5	also know that commercially-based as well as	
6	utility-scale solar facilities are much, much	
7	cheaper. And I know the Commission has been very,	
8	very mindful of that.	
9	We also know that solar facilities do	
10	benefit from a broad range of tax subsidies, and	
11	they also benefit from favorable regulatory	
12	policies. Net energy metering, for example, is	
13	one of those policies.	
14	We also know, too, and the Commission is	
15	very mindful of this, that rooftop solar	
16	facilities are really beneficial to those	
17	customers who are homeowners. And again, the	
18	Commissioners have some sensitivity to that. And	
19	they are very expensive systems, ranging from 15-	
20	to \$20,000 a year. And again, the Commission has	
21	acknowledged some of that in its recent	
22	undertakings.	

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1	But many advocates of rooftop solar and	
2	DG give you the impression that these facilities	
3	do not have to depend on the grid. They	
4	essentially say that these facilities are free	
5	from the grid. That's simply not true. Even a DG	
6	customer such as a microgrid, which produces the	
7	same exact amount of energy that they need, has to	
8	rely on the grid. They always remain	
9	interconnected to the grid.	
10	In evening hours, they rely on the grid.	
11	When it rains, they rely on the grid. So the grid	
12	is a fundamental element that needs to be	
13	considered. And the grid is increasingly becoming	
14	a very multi-directional network, and rooftop	
15	solar facilities complicate the availability of	
16	that grid.	
17	So as you consider this merger and the	
18	elements of the merger, I would strongly encourage	
19	you to pay some particular attention to the	
20	enhancement of the electric grid. Even though	
21	rooftop solar facilities and other DG facilities	
22	may say they don't rely on the grid, in fact they	

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58 require the grid and encourage the grid with 1 additional investments. 2 3 I also think it's very, very important to focus on the issue of power supply diversity. 4 I believe that maintaining a diverse and flexible 5 power supply is critical to a strong local and 6 U.S. economy. In addition to renewables, there are 7 other zero-emitting technologies, and one of those 8 9 technologies is nuclear. 10 And I believe that having this balanced portfolio is essential to meeting clean energy 11 goals as well as maintaining reliability. 12 Exelon has a diverse fleet of renewable technologies and 13 base load nuclear plants that can help meet the 14 nation's environmental goals and reduce their 15 16 carbon footprint. 17 I only offer Germany as a key example. You are aware that Germany had very aggressive 18 renewable energy goals. They had a strategy to 19 phase out nuclear facilities. They have very 20 aggressive fees and tariffs. And Germany kind of 21 22 gives us a lesson.

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	1 If you look at what's occurred in	
	2 Germany, the reliability has been impacted	
	3 adversely. The carbon footprint because they	
	4 don't have a very diverse power supply and they	
	5 moved away from nuclear, their carbon footprint	
	6 has been substantially increased. And the overall	
	7 rates to electric consumers have more than	
	8 doubled. So I would just encourage you, as you	
	9 look at these issues, that you pay some particular	
10) attention to what's occurring in Germany.	
11	I thank you for this opportunity to be	
12	2 with you today, and I certainly look forward to	
13	3 augmenting the record with any questions that you	
14	may have of my statement. Thank you very much.	
15	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Owens.	
16	David Oberting?	
17	(No response.)	
18	CHAIRMAN KANE: Timothy Judson?	
19	MR. JUDSON: Thank you, Commissioners,	
20	for the opportunity to address you again tonight.	
21	My name is Tim Judson and I'm testifying on behalf	
22	of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service,	

60 1 where I am the executive director. 2 NIRS is a nonprofit environmental organization headquartered in Takoma Park, 3 Maryland. I have 16 years experience watchdogging 4 the energy and utility sectors, with a particular 5 6 focus on merchant nuclear power generators and 7 utility restructuring. I would like to review the risks D.C. 8 residents face as a result of Exelon's 9 proposed acquisition of PEPCO and to underline the 10 11 harms that are likely to result. 12 On a general level, the proposal 13 provides no material benefit to D.C. residents and ratepayers. It exposes PEPCO ratepayers to the 14 15 risk of steep commodity price and/or utility rate escalation. And it has the potential to undermine 16 other environmental and public policy objectives, 17 18 including greenhouse gas reductions and sustainable energy goals. In short, it does not 19 meet the public interest standard for approval in 20 this case. And D.C. deserves a better utility 21 22 than PEPCO, but Exelon would actually be worse.

61 1 Exelon is pursuing the PEPCO takeover for one reason and one reason only, to offload the 2 risk from its failing nuclear power business. 3 As a result, Exelon's proposal is inimical to the 4 public interest and poses multiple risks to PEPCO 5 6 ratepayers. 7 This is evident from the basic structure of the deal, which involves the following: a 8 purchase price of \$1.3 billion above PEPCO's 9 market price or market value; \$3.5 billion in debt 10 11 financing; and over \$2 billion in "future equity issuances," which are risky financial mechanisms 12 13 that are more commonly used in private equity 14 transactions. 15 Exelon is financing only about a billion dollars, less than 15 percent, through 16 unencumbered cash from sales of assets. 17 That means Exelon will need to derive enough revenue 18 from PEPCO to pay off nearly \$5.8 billion in 19 financing costs, equivalent to taking on debt in 20 the amount of roughly \$3,000 per PEPCO customer 21 22 plus financing costs.

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1	As a result, Exelon will need to derive	
2	nearly 60 times more in earnings from the average	
3	PEPCO ratepayer than it is offering in \$50 one-	
4	time credits toward their bills. That is to say	
5	that in exchange for a \$50 credit towards each	
6	customer's bill, Exelon needs to derive \$3,000 per	
7	customer above the cost of operating the utility.	
8	In addition, Exelon has stated that as a	
9	result of acquiring PEPCO, it will be able to	
10	guarantee that all of its annual shareholder	
11	dividends will be paid out of revenues from its	
12	utility businesses. That means Exelon's regulated	
13	utility customers will be responsible for 100	
14	percent of shareholder dividends even though they	
15	would only represent 65 percent of the	
16	corporation's business.	
17	That is, Exelon's utility customers will	
18	be responsible for paying a 50 percent greater	
19	share of dividends than PEPCO represents. This	
20	speaks to both the heavy financial risks Exelon	
21	faces in its merchant generation business and the	
22	company's strategy to offload that risk onto its	

63 utility customers. In light of that, Exelon's 1 proposed three-year rate freeze provides little 2 reassurance against steep rate hikes in years 4, 3 5, and beyond. 4 5 Essentially, Exelon is saying that it cannot guarantee shareholders any profits from 6 generating electricity and must do so on the backs 7 8 of captive ratepayers. While that business strategy might be enough to shore up investor 9 confidence for the moment, it will not last long 10 if Exelon does not restore its generation business 11 12 to profitability. 13 As I have testified previously, that means Exelon must also increase the wholesale 14 price of electricity, in particular for its fleet 15 of 23 aging nuclear reactors. About one-quarter 16 of its reactors are unprofitable as a result of 17 rising operational costs in excess of market 18 19 electricity prices. 20 Exelon is not able to divest its nuclear plants because of this problem. No one would buy 21 22 Previous nuclear plant spinoffs have failed them.

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	1 to receive approval, and retiring the reactors	01
	2 early could entail 1- to \$2 billion in additional	
	3 liabilities for decommissioning.	
	4 The best option for Exelon is to raise	
	5 the price it has paid for electricity from its	
	6 nuclear power plants. But that is the worst	
3	7 option for PEPCO ratepayers. That is also the	
	8 basis for Exelon's opposition to renewable energy,	
	9 efficiency, and distributed generation.	
10	0 Exelon relies on the market price	
11	l volatility of natural gas generation to ensure the	
12	2 profitability of its nuclear reactors. Exelon does	
13	3 not criticize natural gas generation. But the	
14	growth of wind, solar, and energy efficiency,	
15	which are rapidly becoming the lowest cost energy	
16	5 sources, will likely result in stable electricity	
17	prices in the long term with little volatility at	
18	lower rates than most nuclear power plants can	
19	operate at profitably.	
20	As a result of the PEPCO takeover,	
21	Exelon would obtain an unprecedented level of	
22	market control and political influence over power	

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1	markets in the D.C. and Maryland electricity	00
2	system. It would become the largest utility in	
3	the country, with 10 million ratepayers all within	
4	a single electricity market.	
5	PEPCO's independent voice within the PJM	
6	energy market would be lost, and Exelon would have	
7	the single largest share of both the distribution,	
8	utility, and wholesale markets. It would enable	
9	Exelon to manipulate market prices to its	
10	advantage well beyond the jurisdiction of the	
11	DCPSC to regulate.	
12	For these reasons, NIRS believes the	
13	Exelon/ PEPCO proposal is not in the public	
14	interest, and we urge the Commission to reject it.	
15	Thank you very much.	
16	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Judson.	
17	Jacques Kapuscinski?	
18	MR. KAPUSCINSKI: Good evening, and	
19	thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name	
20	is Jacques Kapuscinski. I have been a D.C.	
21	resident for 25 years in Ward 3. And I am also	
22	the co-lead of the Ward 3 sola coop, which has led	

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1	to 56 homes having rooftop solar.	00
2	Solar and wind power are in the public	
3	interest, especially for our children, as they are	
4	essentially to surviving climate change. Exelon's	
5	CEO is on record for saying that he would seek to	
6	eliminate subsidies for renewable energy, and has	
7	a history of opposing renewable projects in a	
8	number of states in the Midwest and the East	
9	Coast, while nuclear receives massive subsidies.	
10	Exelon's opposition to rooftop solar	
11	violates my rights in my community to have control	
12	of our power sources to combat climate change.	
13	Merging with a utility whose goal is to limit	
14	which energy sources our homeowners and businesses	
15	can purchase their energy from suppresses	
16	competition, which is not in the public interest.	
17	This is in violation of criterias No. 1, 6, and 7	
18	that the Commission has identified for the public	
19	interest factors.	
20	Second, Exelon's nuclear fleet cannot	
21	compete against natural gas and a growing	
22	renewable market. Exelon's nuclear fleet is in	

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1	trouble and is looking for a healthy D.C. market
2	to pass its costs onto. PEPCO does not produce
3	power. It buys and sells power and is obligated
4	to find power at the lowest possible price.
5	Exelon is one of the largest generators
6	of nuclear power in the country. It seeks to sell
7	power at the highest possible price to maximize
8	its profits for its shareholders. Thus, we have a
9	conflict of interest here.
10	It is not in the public interest to have
11	a merger with nuclear conglomerate whose business
12	model is running expensive and aging plants since
13	markets favor the lowest-cost energy sources.
14	This proposed merger is in direct conflict with
15	PEPCO's public interest obligation to buy power at
16	the lowest possible price, and does not meet
17	criterias 1 and 6 that the Commission has
18	identified.
19	Finally, Exelon in its filing claims
20	that it will separate the decommissioning cost
21	because of the ringfence provision. However, it's
22	my understanding that this provision is only for

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1	five years, and therefore ratepayers could be	00
2	liable.	
3	There are too many poorly understood	
4	risks that need further study for this. I'd like	
5	to point out that in 2013, the Nuclear Regulatory	
6	Commission caught Exelon for providing incomplete	
7	information regarding its contribution to the	
8	federal nuclear fund to pay for decommissioning	
9	costs for 12 nuclear power plants over a period of	
10	several years.	
11	Exelon's lack of transparency and the	
12	fact it has been accused of not contributing to	
13	the nuclear trust fund shows it is not operating	
14	in good faith and in the public interest. If the	
15	merger were approved, D.C. ratepayers could be	
16	liable to pay more money into this fund.	
17	The costs to decommission the plant can	
18	run anywhere from \$500 million to a billion,	
19	according to the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists.	
20	Exelon will likely pressure this PSC to raise our	
21	prices to maintain profits for their shareholders,	
22	as the cost to our shareholders and their nuclear	

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1	fleet decommissioning will be cutting into those	05
2	profits.	
3	In summary, Exelon's over-reliance on	
4	expensive nuclear power which cannot compete in	
5	the market, along with their business model to	
6	limit competition, is not in the public interest.	
7	Therefore, the Commission should follow its own	
8	criteria and reject this merger. Thank you.	
9	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you.	
10	Lori Kaplan?	
11	MS. KAPLAN: Good evening. My name is	
12	Lori Kaplan. I'm president and CEO of the Latin	
13	American Youth Center. I want to thank you for	
14	this opportunity to testify tonight.	
15	The Youth Center's mission is to empower	
16	a diverse population of young people to achieve a	
17	successful transition to adulthood through	
18	multicultural, comprehensive, and innovative	
19	programs that address youth's social, academic,	
20	and career needs.	
21	For 45 years the Latin American Youth	
22	Center has been committed to transforming the	

lives of low income young people and their 1 families. We offer multi-service, comprehensive, 2 and bilingual enrichment, prevention, and 3 intervention programs and opportunities in 4 education, workforce readiness, housing, community 5 6 building, mental health, and more to over 4,000 young people. 7 8 Our organization, like others here tonight, depends upon the generous support of 9 10 companies like PEPCO to enable us to serve our 11 area youth and families. That's part of the reason we welcome the commitments Exelon has made 12 13 to exceed PEPCO's charitable giving in the District for the next 10 years and to maintaining 14 15 their longstanding history of partnerships. 16 To give you some sense of the difference 17 our organization can make as a result of corporate contributions that we receive, I'd like to tell 18 19 you just a couple of brief stories. I think about Victor, who grew up in our foster care system. 20 21 Today he's working on his masters degree in education. Or Monica, a young mom, who came to us 22

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1	homeless, who today owns her own apartment and has
2	a great job at Macy's. I think about Max, who was
3	abandoned by his mother, joined a gang, was in
4	youth detention, and today is in community college
5	after having received his GED.
6	We focus heavily on job training for
7	youth, and we understand the desperate need there
8	is to create good, living wage jobs. That's why we
9	are pleased to see Exelon's commitment to working
10	with diverse suppliers, and we welcome the
11	opportunity to have a positive conversation with
12	them regarding our job placement programs for
13	young people.
14	The Latin American Youth Center believes
15	that their commitment to offer jobs to young
16	people in our community will add to the value of
17	their coming to the District of Columbia. Despite
18	great wealth, there is tremendous need in our
19	community.
20	We look forward to working with Exelon
21	to help serve our young people in new ways and new
22	opportunities. Thank you very much.

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72 1 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you very much, Ms. 2 Kaplan. 3 Maurice Walker? 4 (No response.) 5 CHAIRMAN KANE: Jeff Margrave (sic)? 6 MR. HARGRAVE: Good evening, Commissioners. It's actually Jeff Hargrave, with 7 8 an H. 9 CHAIRMAN KANE: Hargrave, with an H. 10 Thank you. 11 MR. HARGRAVE: I'm here with a couple of different hats on. I'm representing the 12 13 President's Roundtable as well as Associated 14 Builders and Contractors and Associated General 15 Contractors. I'm their current chair. 16 CHAIRMAN KANE: We have you down on the 17 list as from Mahogany, Incorporated? 18 MR. HARGRAVE: Correct. I'm also president of Mahogany Construction, a firm based 19 on Maryland. And we also have a firm here in D.C. 20 So thank you again for the opportunity to come 21 22 before you tonight.

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1	Basically, I just want to talk about	
2	some personal experiences that I've had with	
3	Exelon in Maryland. I've been in business for	
4	over 23 years and trying to represent the minority	
5	community in the right way and do the right thing	
6	as far as getting work.	
7	And I can say that BG&E, our parent	
8	company in Maryland, was actually a firm that we	
9	tried to work with. And I mean we took 23 years	
10	to try to work with BG&E and was unable to break	
11	in. Sort of the old boy network you know,	
12	we've got our contractors.	
13	While I can say that with Exelon coming	
14	to Maryland, it's basically opened up a whole new	
15	avenue of opportunities for minority businesses, I	
16	can speak for that personally myself as well as	
17	others who have benefitted from Exelon coming to	
18	Maryland.	
19	In addition, they have a program called	
20	Focus 25 where they actually invest in minority	
21	businesses and help capacity growth. So I can	
22	truly say that they are committed to the minority	

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	1	community, and as a BG&E holder, my bill still	
	2	comes the same way. I see no difference.	
	3	I only see it being stronger and better	
	4	for the minority community because they are	
	5	committed. I mean, it really takes an	
	6	organization that's committed from the top down to	
	7	make things happen. You can have people in the	
	8	middle trying to fight and get progress with	
	9	minority businesses. But unless it comes from the	
1	LO	top, it just doesn't happen.	
]	1	And I can say that Exelon is truly	
1	.2	committed to growing minority businesses. They're	
1	.3	truly committed to working with the community. I	
1	. 4	can say I've been to golf tournaments where	
1	5	they've sponsored golf tournaments. I mean,	
1	6	they're truly involved in Maryland, spend a lot of	
1	7	money to help people and different organizations.	
1	8	So I can only think that it would make	
1	9	PEPCO stronger and a better energy company. So I	
2	0	do support your I would hope that you would	
2	1	support this merger. And thank you very much.	
2	2	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Hargrave.	

1	Pandit Wright?	75
2	(No response.)	
3	CHAIRMAN KANE: Andrea Rosen? Oh, is	
4	this Ms. Wright? Okay. I see you there. That's	
5	all right. Right there, yes.	
6	MS. WRIGHT: All right. I am Pandit	
7	Wright. I'm the president of the Boys and Girls	
8	Clubs of Greater Washington, which is a post that	
9	I've held for five years, and prior to that I was	
10	on the board. And I'm here representing the fact	
11	that we do support this merger of PEPCO and	
12	Exelon.	
13	The mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs	
14	it is a 128-year-old direct services provider	
15	to young people is to enable all young people,	
16	especially those who need us most to reach their	
17	full potential as productive, caring, responsible	
18	citizens.	
19	And I would say that PEPCO has been all	
20	in with us on this mission, and we are thrilled	
21	that Exelon has promised us the same level in	
22	fact, more support. And we know that Exelon	

has a relationship with the Boys and Girls Clubs 1 in Chicago, so we feel that it's not an empty 2 promise. 3 4 I would say that PEPCO is one of those kinds of organizations that walks the talk. They 5 have been committed to us in the sense of they 6 provide volunteers. I have 12 sites, four of them 7 in the District of Columbia, and my headquarters 8 office and club is on Benning Road in Ward 7, 9 10 which is near their facility. 11 They have sent engineers who come over 12 and work with our young people who talk about 13 possible career opportunities. They provide 14 physical space for activities for our kids, our 15 teens, our boards. And most recently, they have 16 partnered in providing us a really innovative STEM 17 programming opportunity, which kids are meeting 18 once a week. 19 And they can do it at any time they want to because it's online. But we're doing 20 21 activities that are around urban energy and urban 22 infrastructure. This is invaluable for the young

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77 people that we serve because many times they're 1 trying to supplement what is being offered in 2 3 schools and at home. 4 So when we're talking about career growth, we're talking about exposure to those who 5 may not have it. I think that PEPCO is doing a 6 7 great job for us with that. 8 Again, I think this is positive 9 leadership. It's our organization's belief that this merger will not only continue but deepen a 10 11 community-facing stance in every way, from business practices to philanthropic and investment 12 policies. So we look forward to many successful 13 14 years of partnership with the Exelon family of 15 companies. And thank you for this opportunity. 16 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Ms. Wright. 17 Andrea Rosen? 18 MS. ROSEN: Good evening, Chairwoman Kane and Commissioners. Thank you for the 19 20 opportunity to testify against the Exelon takeover 21 of PEPCO. My name is Andrea Rosen and I'm a Ward 4 resident. 22

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1	As the owner of nuclear reactors	
2	referred to by Crain's Chicago Business as	
3	Exelon's albatross, Exelon is interested in	
4	PEPCO's ratepayers as a source of income to	
5	subsidize the risky nuclear power side of its	
6	business. Exelon thus has no incentive to attain	
7	competitive rates for its customers. Acquiring	
8	PEPCO furthers Exelon's goals, but who else is	
9	served?	
10	At the first hearing held by the PSC,	
11	I observed that the supporters of	
12	Exelon's takeover of PEPCO fall into three	
13	categories:	
14	Business lobbyists, like the D.C.	
15	Chamber of Commerce, whose job it is to defend	
16	what are perceived to be businesses' best	
17	interests, that is, what will maximize corporate	
18	profit and shareholder benefits in the short-term;	
19	Minority small business owners who receive special	
20	benefits from PEPCO and who have been promised	
21	even greater benefits from its successor; and	
22	Three, representatives of nonprofits who have	

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1	received philanthropic largesse from PEPCO and who	
2	have been promised continued corporate support	
3	from its successor. Do supporters know that	
4	Exelon's promises have expiration dates? Exelon's	
5	share price has fallen 60 percent since 2008. How	
6	much lift can PEPCO provide?	
7	PEPCO customers are to be shielded from	
8	the costs of decommissioning and cleaning up	
9	nuclear reactor sites for a mere five years.	
10	Exelon has only committed to continue PEPCO	
11	philanthropy for 10 years.	
12	In any case, to approved the Exelon	
13	takeover on the basis of the perks that Exelon	
14	will bestow on these special interests would be to	
15	endorse the tail wagging the dog. And we do have	
16	a dog in this fight. We live on Planet Earth.	
17	Last Friday, NASA announced that 2014	
18	was the warmest year in 135 years of measuring	
19	global temperatures. Recognition of the fact of	
20	our fast-changing climate has motivated many	
21	Washingtonians to take steps to shift their energy	
22	needs to clean renewable sources.	

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1	Thus the proliferation of solar roofs	0.0
2	and coops, and the move by retail customers to	
3	choose electricity generated by wind and other	
4	renewable power sources over coal.	
5	The future of a habitable planet depends	
6	on a rapid shift away from Exelon's centralized	
7	energy model, reliant on aging, dangerous nuclear	
8	power reactors as well as allied coal- and gas-	
9	fired electricity plants toward community-	
10	generated power from renewable sources.	
11	As much as PEPCO's executive officers	
12	and other shareholders may wish to cash in by	
13	getting out of the power distribution business, it	
14	turns out that the majority of us, and the climate	
15	as well, would continue to benefit from the	
16	flexibility that the current model provides.	
17	There is simply no reason for us to	
18	choose to submit to a distant master whose	
19	business model depends upon thwarting our city's	
20	green trajectory. I hope that in its	
21	deliberations, the PSC will focus on whether a	
22	sweetheart deal between two corporations will	

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1	benefit residents of the District, the Mid-	0 T
2	Atlantic region and beyond, particularly in the	
3	long term.	
4	Please remember that there's a public	
5	good to be served by our public utilities, and	
6	Exelon is bad for D.C. Thank you.	
7	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Ms. Rosen.	
8	Sharon Anderson?	
9	MS. ANDERSON: Good evening, Chairman	
10	Kane, Commissioners Fort and Phillips. My name is	
11	Sharon Anderson, I'm a resident in Ward 3 of the	
12	District of Columbia, and I would like to speak in	
13	support of the proposed minute.	
14	There are three primary reasons that I'm	
15	supportive. I believe that by combining	
16	resources, we can benefit from shared information	
17	on best practices, emerging technologies,	
18	reliability of service, et cetera. I believe that	
19	having ready access to the experience of other	
20	utilities in other areas of the country will	
21	strengthen the services being provided to us.	
22	This will be helpful in areas such as renewable	

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2 Number two, PEPCO will continue as a 3 local institution which is regulated locally. The 4 oversight currently provided by you, the Public 5 Service Commission, and by the People's Counsel 6 will not change, and that oversight has served us 7 well. And the company will remain responsible to 8 us as local residents.

9 Three, the current PEPCO leadership has 10 demonstrated a strong commitment to being a good 11 corporate citizen in the District of Columbia. 12 PEPCO has shown its engagement in our community in 13 numerous ways -- actively supporting local charities, engaging with the local business 14 15 community, and being involved with local and regional efforts to strengthen our community, such 16 as Leadership Greater Washington. 17

I believe this merger provides an opportunity for the residents of the District of Columbia to benefit from the combined resources of these entities without losing local regulation and involvement. Thank you for the opportunity to

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1	speak to you.	00
2	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Ms. Anderson.	
3	Ruth Caplan?	
4	MS. CAPLAN: Thank you for this	
5	opportunity. I'm speaking as an individual from	
6	Ward 3.	
7	I came to Washington, D.C. in 1982 to	
8	lobby against tax subsidies for nuclear and coal	
9	plants. I had learned that without accelerated	
10	depreciation and shortened tax lives, nuclear	
11	plants would not be economical, and that	
12	legislation was pending to extend these tax	
13	benefits.	
14	Up on the shores of Lake Ontario, our	
15	small citizens group had defeated plans for three	
16	nuclear plants and saved ratepayers untold	
17	billions of dollars. Even back in the mid-1970s,	
18	we knew that wind, solar, and energy efficiency	
19	were better deals for ratepayers and the	
20	environment.	
21	Fast forward to today. The D.C.	
22	government has been promoting Sustainable D.C. To	

1 date the initiatives have been far from earth2 shattering, but I have much hope that great
3 strides lay ahead of us. This will only be
4 possible if the PEPCO/Exelon merger is not allowed
5 to go forward. The D.C. Public Service Commission
6 must come out unequivocally in opposition to this
7 merger, and here's why.

First, D.C. must not be shackled with 8 the albatross of Exelon's aging nuclear plants. 9 I 10 know you've heard this already. They are not 11 economical to run and are increasingly susceptible to accidents as the pipes and reactors age. 12 The Public Service Commission's hands will be tied as 13 ratepayers will be forced to pay the costs for 14 15 these aging plants.

Second, D.C. government and residents Will have their ability to move toward an energyefficient solar future blocked by Exelon, which will exercise its monopoly control as the largest utility in the nation. For instance, Exelon has been a leading opponent of the federal production tax credit for wind power. Maybe this is why my

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85 electric rates for 100 percent wind through 1 Washington Gas Energy Services have risen by 33 2 percent in the last three years. I was really 3 4 shocked. 5 And here's what we can expect from Exelon and PEPCO service territory. In 2014, 6 Exelon used the threat of nuclear plant closures 7 to kill a strong renewable energy bill in Illinois 8 by arguing that wind power is the primary reason 9 that several of its Illinois reactors are 10 11 uneconomical. 12 At the federal level, Exelon is successfully lobbying EPA to allow a subsidy of \$6 13 per megawatt hour to save the 6 percent of nuclear 14 15 capacity it believes is at risk of closure -that's 5700 megawatts -- totaling \$270 million a 16 17 That money could build enough wind power, year. completely unsubsidized, to reply any at-risk 18 nuclear generation within 10 years. We have to 19 think about these numbers. 20 21 Exelon has petitioned the New York Public Service Commission for above-market rates 22

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1	for the Ginna Nuclear Plant on Lake Ontario, which	
2	would cost ratepayers an additional \$111 million a	
3	year. I have to say, thank goodness we prevented	
4	three more nuclear plants from being built on Lake	
5	Ontario just down the shoreline from Ginna.	
6	I used to have to speak to the press	
7	when Ginna was having an accident. They'd call me	
8	up and say, "Ruth, what do you have to say?" And	
9	I'd call Union of Concerned Scientists and I'd	
10	find out because it was a pressured water reactor,	
11	not a boiling water reactor, what it meant to have	
12	that accident. I know these nuclear reactors	
13	pretty well.	
14	What happened to the idea of least cost	
15	energy planning which was getting tracn before the	
16	deregulation tsunami hit this country? And we're	
17	glad you're still here as regulators. Why are we	
18	looking at the free market for renewables and	
19	socialism for nuclear plants?	
20	If Exelon is allowed to merge with	
21	PEPCO, it will be the largest electric utility in	
22	the nation. Monopoly control with its	

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1	stranglehold on ratepayers and policy-makers is	
2	not in the interest of ratepayers, taxpayers, or	
3	the District of Columbia.	
4	So to conclude, to achieve Sustainable	
5	D.C. goals in any meaningful way, we must have	
6	more direct control on our energy future. This	
7	will be impossible with monopoly control by	
8	Exelon. The DCPSC must serve the people and our	
9	future and not approve the merger. We hope that's	
10	what you'll do. Thank you very much.	
11	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Ms. Kaplan.	
12	Lenwood Johnson?	
13	(No response.)	
14	CHAIRMAN KANE: Michelle Boyd?	
15	(No response.)	
16	CHAIRMAN KANE: Jim Driscoll?	
17	(No response.)	
18	CHAIRMAN KANE: Jeffrey Franco?	
19	MR. FRANCO: Good evening and thank you	
20	for the opportunity to testify at today's hearing.	
21	My name is Jeff Franco and I serve as the vice	
22	president and executive director of City Year	

Washington, D.C. I'm here to testify on behalf of
 the merger between PEPCO PHI and Exelon and to
 attest to PEPCO's reputation as a valued corporate
 citizen in our community. City Year Washington,
 D.C. gives its full support to the proposed
 merger.

7 City Year is an education-focused nonprofit organization that works to end the high 8 school dropout crisis. We deploy Americorps 9 10 volunteers between the ages of 17 and 24 years old 11 to high-need urban schools, where they serve full-12 time as tutors/mentors to off-track students to 13 implement what we call Whole School, Whole Child, which is a program that supports students who are 14 15 at risk of dropping out in attendance, behavior, 16 and course performance.

Today Washington, D.C. has over 158 City Year Americorps members serving 5600 students in 13 D.C. public schools. City Year Washington, D.C. could not help keep 5600 students in school and on track to succeed without the support of corporate champions like PEPCO.

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1	In addition to financial investments in	0.5
2	our program, PEPCO employees routinely roll up	
3	their sleeves to volunteer to help City Year	
4	achieve its mission. For example, PEPCO Holdings'	
5	vice president of performance management and	
6	support services, Charles Dickerson, serves on our	
7	board of directors.	
8	PEPCO Holdings vice president of	
9	corporate citizenship and social responsibility,	
10	Debbi Jarvis, serves as the chair of our host	
11	committee for our 2014 gala, helping us to raise	
12	the money we need for our operations.	
13	Most recently, PEPCO Holdings general	
14	counsel, Kevin Fitzgerald, served on the host	
15	committee for a legal community breakfast	
16	fundraiser in November. All of these examples	
17	illustrate how PEPCO is so much more than a	
18	corporate funder. They are true partners in our	
19	community, helping us to achieve our mission.	
20	PEPCO leverages its people to do the	
21	most good in the community as possible. Through	
22	their support of City Year and other education-	

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1	focused nonprofits like ours, PEPCO has	
2	demonstrated a deep commitment to the students in	
3	the District, and I'm confident that through the	
4	merger the company will continue their active	
5	philanthropy. City Year Washington, D.C. gives	
6	its full support to the merger. Thank you.	
7	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you.	
8	Robert Malson?	
9	MR. MALSON: Good evening, Chairman	
10	Kane, Commissioner Fort, Commissioner Phillips.	
11	My name is Robert Malson. I'm the president of	
12	the District of Columbia Hospital Association. I	
13	appreciate the opportunity to present testimony on	
14	behalf of our hospitals regarding the proposed	
15	merger of PEPCO Holdings, incorporated and Exelon.	
16	DCHA is a nonprofit organization with 16	
17	member hospitals and 32 associate members whose	
18	mission is to provide leadership in improving	
19	healthcare in the District of Columbia. DCHA	
20	members employ approximately 26,000 individuals	
21	who are on the front lines for delivering quality	
22	healthcare and responding to any medical emergency	

1 in D.C.

I'm here tonight to express our support for the proposed merger. We believe that this merger, should it be approved, will provide the District of Columbia with significant benefits, including increased reliability, which is portfolio paramount importance to the District's healthcare facilities.

9 I believe that this merger presents the 10 best opportunity to move the District's electric 11 infrastructure forward, building on the important 12 work PEPCO has already provided to improve 13 customer satisfaction and reliability.

14 With regard to affordability, DCHA 15 believes Exelon's commitment to ensuring 16 affordable and sustainable energy is a clear benefit to residents and businesses. We believe 17 that the Public Service Commission of the District 18 19 of Columbia will be able to ensure that Exelon and PEPCO are held accountable for meeting their 20 21 commitments in the merger proposal as well as PEPCO's previous commitments to the District's 22

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1	power consumers.	
2	Further, we believe the Commission will	
3	be able to regulate the utility effectively and	
4	protect customers from any unjustifiable rate	
5	increases.	
6	Finally, DCHA supports the proposed	
7	merger because we believe Exelon will continue	
8	PEPCO's significant community investments. In	
9	addition to PEPCO's continued committee	
10	involvement, Exelon has committed to allocating	
11	\$14 million to the D.C. customer investment fund,	
12	which will allow the Commission to make	
13	investments in bill credits, low income	
14	assistance, and energy efficiency programs. These	
15	investments are incredibly important for our	
16	residents, especially for those in need.	
17	I thank you very much for allowing me to	
18	comment on this proposed merger, and we support	
19	it. Thank you very much.	
20	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Malson.	
21	Michael Bodaken?	
22	MR. BODAKEN: Good evening,	

Commissioners and thank you for the opportunity to
 speak to you about the upcoming merger. My name
 is Michael Bodaken. I'm head of the National
 Housing Trust, a nonprofit located here in D.C.,
 and we have not received any donations from PEPCO,
 and probably after this testimony I don't think we
 will.

8 The trust is a national nonprofit 9 dedicated to making sure that long-term renters 10 get their fair share of both affordable housing 11 and energy efficiency resources. As I testified 12 the first time I met with you, we are one of the 13 largest landlords in the District.

14 We own about a thousand apartments in 15 15 multi-family buildings across the District of 16 Columbia. The average income of the people we 17 serve is around \$25,000 annually. Our annual 18 PEPCO utility bill is \$330,000. Tonight myself and a few residents are here to talk about the 19 20 proposed merger. 21 The merger, as currently proposed, falls

22 far short of meeting the public interest standard

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94 that you've set. The principal failing of this 1 2 merger is there is nothing in it for customers. The \$50 amount that's being offered to customers, 3 as you know, is one- fourth that was offered in 4 5 BG&E. 6 Now, PEPCO has come forth and said we 7 are not getting the same savings that we received when we did BG&E. That's a whole different 8 matter. You can't really compare the two. 9 That's 10 what they say. 11 Well, you have a witness, or Maryland 12 has a witness, that says that actually they're 13 right. The synergies are 12 times what in fact PEPCO is saying. So if we really look at the 14 synergies of this and look at the consumer costs 15 from the investment fund, we should not be talking 16 17 about \$50. We shouldn't even be talking about \$200, which is the number proposed, but a far 18 19 larger amount. 20 And we are in settlement discussions, and we keep bringing this up, and it's amazing to 21 22 me -- all of us in the settlement discussions are

1 united on this point, and yet we have heard
2 nothing from the company about it. And I'm just
3 mystified that the company can come forward with
4 you with a straight face and not have something
5 for low-income customers here in the District that
6 is meaningful.

7 So why should the merger be approved? It 8 seems to us that one of two things have to be 9 shown. They have to assure you that the rates 10 aren't going to change, but they also have to 11 assure you that there's going to be something in 12 the public interest. And in this case, 78 percent 13 of low-income people in the District are renters.

You can't touch low-income people in the 14 15 District without touching low-income renters. Or another way to say it is you can't really touch 16 across a broad spectrum of low-income people 17 without touching renters. The two ways to serve 18 those people is to give them a refund, or to 19 provide energy efficiency investments, or both. 20 21 And you have witnesses that show how important investments are as well as rebates. 22

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1	That was the approach the Maryland	
2	Public Service Commission took when allocating the	
3	customer investment fund from the merger of Exelon	
4	and BG&E, and I urge you to follow it here again.	
5	Your sister commission did the same; I urge you to	
6	follow it.	
7	Given the high percentage of multi-	
8	family housing in the District, the high	
9	percentage of renters, and the high percentage of	
10	low-income renters, on page 16 of our testimony we	
11	talk about the need for \$19 million to go to	
12	energy efficiency investments. They've offered a	
13	mere \$15 million total as opposed to what is	
14	really needed.	
15	Investing in multi-family energy	
16	efficiency will preserve affordable housing, part	
17	of our trust, part of our mission; protect	
18	vulnerable residential households; preserve	
19	environmental quality; and be in the public	
20	interest.	
21	I want to use the remainder of my time	
22	to talk about something that I think is important.	

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1	There's been a lot of discussion tonight and at	2
2	the previous hearing about how solar is not	
3	that there's this straw man, that we're pretending	
4	we're going to use solar instead of the grid.	
5	I'm not saying that. I'll tell you	
6	that. I think that the grid is essential. But we	
7	just put solar on 10 buildings in Washington,	
8	D.C., low-income buildings. We're about to put	
9	solar on another building, an 11th building. And	
10	if there wasn't net metering, we couldn't have	
11	done that.	
12	Now, I honestly don't know about the	
13	solar advocacy that's going on. I mean, I know	
14	who they are and I think they're great people.	
15	But I think for there to be this assertion that	
16	somehow low-income people who are asserting solar	
17	are just homeowners who want to get what they want	
18	is really ignoring the fact that low-income	
19	renters are also benefitting.	
20	We've lowered our costs in those 10	
21	buildings by something like Jared, how much	
22	is Jared here? What percentage have we lowered	

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98 1 our costs in those 10 buildings as a result of 2 solar? 3 MR. LANGE: It's fair to say 50 percent 4 of our common area. 5 MR. BODAKEN: Fifty percent of our common area costs. That's Jared Lange, who ran 6 7 the project for us. 8 So I just think it's important, as we think about these things, to just balance it. Note 9 10 everyone is talking in their self- interest, including me. But it's from a matter of public 11 12 interest, it seems to me, and it's a difficult decision. I'm glad I don't - - I don't envy you 13 14 your job. 15 But I appreciate you taking the time tonight to listen to the low-income renters. Thank 16 17 you. 18 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Bodaken. 19 Wendy Hursey? Ms. Hursey? 20 MR. BODAKEN: She's going to be testifying for her. Ms. Hursey couldn't be here 21 tonight, so Betty Fluker -- Betty Fluker, F-L-U-K-22

99 1 E-R, from R Street Apartments. 2 CHAIRMAN KANE: F-L-U-K-E-R, from R 3 Street, in place of Galen? 4 MR. BODAKEN: Right. They're both 5 National Housing Trust residents. 6 CHAIRMAN KANE: R Street Apartments. 7 Yes. 8 MR. BODAKEN: Wendy had to leave. I'm 9 sorry. 10 CHAIRMAN KANE: That's okay. 11 Ms. Fluker? Good evening. 12 MS. FLUKER: Good evening. I see I have someone with my name up there, Betty Ann. Mine is 13 Betty Ann Fluker. But I come this evening because 14 I am very concerned about Exelon. And the reason 15 why is -- I just want to tell you a little bit 16 17 about me and my family. 18 I've been here over 50 years in the Washington metropolitan area. I've been in the 19 National Housing Trust for about 20 years. And I 20 21 have five children. I raised them alone. 22 Now, PEPCO they helped me so much in the

100 energy program. I thank God for that. 1 I am an evangelist, a minister, and what I want to say to 2 that is our people here on R Street where I live, 3 they are struggling. They are trying to make it 4 5 with things because there are a lot of low-income 6 people there. 7 And my business is low-income because my ministry -- I do a ministry on R Street myself, 8 giving away food, clothing. And I raised my 9 10 children where they had to use hand- me-downs and 11 all to get to where they are now. 12 But I want you to know that now I have a 13 son who teaches at Yale College in Connecticut. He teaches music. He graduated from Duke 14 15 Ellington School of the Arts. I have another daughter who is a schoolteacher in Maryland. She 16 teaches second grade. 17 18 I have a son who manages a Giant Food. 19 He's been work for Giant ever since he -- well, he 20 started out bagging groceries. He's been working 21 there ever since then. They kept him on, sent him 22 to school, learned him how to do all the different

1 things. He's still there. 2 And you know, I can't thank anybody but God for what he's done for me and my family. But 3 you know, there are families who may not be as 4 fortunate as I am in getting things done for their 5 children and for their families. 6 7 There are a lot of senior citizens who can't do things for themselves. Their bills are 8 9 so high, they have to penny-pinch. I've heard people say they have to cut their medicine in half 10 11 so they can pay a bill. I think that's 12 ridiculous. That's ridiculous. 13 So until this Exelon -- I need to face 14 them. I mean, is it possible that they are going 15 to be able to come to a -- be at a place or a 16 meeting so we can talk with them? That's what I 17 want to know because I have something I want to 18 say when that time comes. 19 Because we can't go on like this. We're 20 bringing people in to take over things, but are 21 they going to do the right thing? That's it right 22 there. See, I'm a praying woman, and I know what

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1	God said in His word. I'm not here to preach, but	
2	I'm just telling you that I know what it's like.	
3	I know what it's about.	
4	I come through the Martin Luther King	
5	stage of the marching and all of that down in	
6	Alabama, where I came from. I came here with	
7	nothing on my back but the clothes I had on my	
8	back. That's what I came here with, and a brown	
9	paper bag. That's what I came to D.C.	
10	with. But God has blessed me.	
11	But you know, I want Him to bless	
12	everybody that need it. And they have to have	
13	help. You know, God have people right here on	
14	this earth who can help these people to do what	
15	they need to do. But we're not going to have	
16	anyone coming in and taking away what should be	
17	given to our people. And that's all people, any	
18	people that's going through and need help. They	
19	need that help. They don't need it to be taken	
20	away from them.	
21	So if it's any way possible that we can	
22	talk to Exelon, I want to do it. Thank you very	

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7	follow a minister.	
8	(Laughter.)	
9	MS. LEVISON: Good evening. My name is	
10	Laura Levison. I can't match that eloquence. But	
11	as a 30-year D.C. resident, PEPCO ratepayer, and	
12	sustainable energy advocate, I oppose the merger	
13	of Exelon and PEPCO for three main reasons, and	
14	those are affordability, reliability, and	
15	sustainability.	
16	First, affordability. Exelon's business	
17	model is to profit through the sale of	
18	electricity. That's fine, but Exelon is heavily	
19	invested in aging nuclear power plants. These	
20	plants are not cost-competitive with natural gas	
21	plants, and they will become increasingly costly	
22	as they age.	

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1	Exelon will do everything it can to	
2	recover the costs of running and decommissioning	
3	these plants from ratepayers rather than from	
4	shareholders. And it seems to me that \$14 million	
5	for a consumer investment fund is a pretty small	
6	benefit. Puny, given the size of the company.	
7	Second, reliability. I'm one of PEPCO's	
8	luckier customers since the power lines are	
9	underground in my neighborhood. But there's	
10	clearly a great need for improvement in	
11	reliability. The Office of the People's Counsel	
12	has pointed out that Exelon's initial projections	
13	indicate that it will not meet the Commission's	
14	reliability standards. That doesn't seem to me to	
15	be acceptable. We need a specific and binding	
16	commitment to do better than PEPCO has currently	
17	committed to do.	
18	Third, sustainability. D.C. has	
19	committed to obtaining at least 20 percent of our	
20	electricity from renewable sources by 2020, and	
21	the Sustainable D.C. plan has set a goal of 50	
22	percent renewable electricity and 50 percent	

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1	improvements in energy efficiency by 2032. These	105
2	are essential goals to reduce air pollution,	
3	improve public health, and prevent climate change.	
4	Exelon doesn't have a good incentive to	
5	do that since they make money by selling power.	
6	And Exelon, as we've heard already, is a committed	
7	opponent of incentives for renewable energy. Just	
8	a web search of Exelon and PTC finds their action	
9	alert online with their opposition. They fight	
10	renewable energy at the state level, and they	
11	fight it at the federal level. In the long run,	
12	they will lose. But it may be too late to stop	
13	climate change.	
14	D.C. needs a corporate partner that is	
15	forward-looking, and that's not Exelon. And I'm	
16	going to go take lessons from Betty Ann on how to	
17	do my statement. Thank you.	
18	(Laughter.)	
19	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you. Thank you,	
20	Ms. Levison.	
21	Matt Grason?	
22	MR. GRASON: Hello. My name is Matt	

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1	Grason, and I am a D.C. resident since 2000. I	
2	come here today to present testimony as a private	
3	citizen in opposition to the application of Exelon	
4	to merge with PEPCO.	
5	As others have testified, the proposed	
6	Exelon merger would increase rates for residents,	
7	decrease reliability, and shift decision-making	
8	further out of the hands of D.C. residents.	
9	Exelon's customer investment fund and charitable	
10	contributions would only provide a small and most	
11	short-term benefit, greatly outweighed by higher	
12	electricity rates.	
13	What is of greatest concern to me is the	
14	fact that if Exelon takes over PEPCO, renewable	
15	energy development in Washington, D.C. will	
16	effectively stop. Climate change poses an	
17	enormous threat to D.C. residents and people	
18	worldwide.	
19	Fossil fuel companies and governments	
20	hold in reserve five times more fossil fuels than	
21	are needed to warm the planet well beyond the 2	
22	degrees Celsius that is the global warming limit	

107 that international policy-makers and scientists 1 2 have set. 3 The Public Service Commission, our other elected officials, and District residents all know 4 well that we need to deploy clean, non-polluting 5 energy sources rapidly in the next decade to avoid 6 7 catastrophic climate change. 8 Because nuclear power plants take more than a decade to build and because the damage 9 caused by too-frequent nuclear power accidents is 10 11 so great, nuclear power is not a viable, 12 reasonable, or safe solution to the climate change 13 crisis. 14 Through its D.C. Climate Action Plan, 15 the Sustainable D.C. initiative, and the support 16 of the PSC, the District has made admirable 17 progress in adopting and deploying clean renewable energy. With the passage of the Community 18 19 Renewable Energy Act, nearly all residents have 20 the opportunity to invest in local solar energy 21 projects and cut their electricity bills while 22 supporting local jobs.

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1	As Exelon's aim and intent is to sell	
2	power from its aging nuclear power plants, it has	
3	every incentive to block the District's progress	
4	towards a renewable energy system. Exelon is a	
5	leading opponent of the federal production tax	
6	credit, one of the few meager subsidies that the	
7	wind power sector receives in the U.S. In other	
8	jurisdictions, Exelon has demonstrated its active	
9	opposition to renewable energy and incentives for	
10	renewables.	
11	Given that the District and its	
12	residents are committed to taking action to	
13	prevent the worst possible impacts of climate	
14	change, it would not be in our interest for Exelon	
15	to merge with PEPCO. Thank you for the	
16	opportunity to testify.	
17	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Grason.	
18	Randal Peterson?	
19	MR. PETERSON: Good evening, Chairwoman	
20	Kane, Commissioner Fort, and Commissioner	
21	Phillips. My name is Randy Peterson. I'm the	
22	president of McKissack & McKissack, a national	

109 architecture and engineering design firm based 1 here in Washington, D.C. I stand here before you 2 this evening in support of the merger of Exelon 3 and PEPCO. 4 5 As a local resident, consumer, and businessman that has worked for Exelon and its 6 7 affiliate companies, I view this issue from 8 different perspectives. From a business perspective, our firm has enjoyed a positive 9 working relationship with Exelon and ComEd in 10 11 Chicago, and most recently with BG&E in Baltimore. 12 As a minority woman-owned firm, we have experienced Exelon's commitment to the success of 13 14 minority-owned businesses. 15 Through our working experiences, we have 16 come to know Exelon as a company that respects and 17 values its business partners. It's understandable why this merger is endorsed by the business 18 19 community, including a couple business 20 organizations our firm belongs to, the Federal 21 City Council and the Greater Washington Board of 22 Trade.

110 1 I relocated to D.C. last year from San 2 Diego. I have experienced my first summer with more heat and humidity than I am accustomed to. 3 Ι am now living through my first D.C. winter. 4 Ι shared with some friends last week that I walked 5 to work for the first time in the snow. 6 7 In San Diego, 75 and sunny all year round means if the power goes out, you go surfing. 8 9 (Laughter.) 10 MR. PETERSON: Here, I clearly understand it is a whole different level of 11 12 That concern at times can be life or concern. 13 death if the power goes out. 14 My relationship with Exelon, my experience with Exelon, is such that they are a 15 committed company. They are committed to 16 17 increasing the reliability. They are committed 18 and they are concerned about the consumers and the 19 residents. 20 They have gone so far as to offer to pay 21 penalties should they fall short of their targets, 22 and they have set these targets of reliability at

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1	a high standard. My business experience with	
2	Exelon makes me believe they will be successful in	
3	achieving their targets.	
4	As a new full-time resident, it is	
5	important for me to understand how issues like	
6	this merger will affect me personally. Being new	
7	to this area, I am relatively objective since I	
8	don't have historical references to influence my	
9	opinion.	
10	The best way for me to gain perspective	
11	and to better understand issues is to ask others.	
12	I did that during the mayoral election, and I	
13	found the best way is asking new friends, business	
14	associates, people that live in the same apartment	
15	building that I live in.	
16	I've done the same thing with this as I	
17	prepared to come here this evening and in looking	
18	at this issue over really the past eight to 10	
19	months. What I have found in my conversations	
20	with others is a level of support, a level of	
21	looking at Exelon as a company they think may in	
22	fact bring more reliability to the services that	

112 1 people have experienced here. 2 I'm certain that D.C. residents and consumers will benefit through the educational 3 outreach programs that Exelon has sponsored. I 4 5 know Exelon has sponsored the insulation of solar panels on schools. I know my experience from 6 other locations -- prior to this, I was the 7 president and CEO of a firm that had 12 offices in 8 multiple states, and I've lived in multiple states 9 10 and worked in multiple states. 11 My understanding of Exelon, my 12 experiences in all those, is that Exelon has done 13 a great job with respect to looking out for the reliability of its systems, the installations, and 14 15 I know in recent instances looking at sustainable 16 energy. 17 I appreciate the time you afforded me and others to speak this evening about the very 18 positive experiences that I have with Exelon, and 19 I encourage you to support the merger of Exelon 20 and PEPCO as I believe, in the long run, it will 21 be in the best interests of the local residents, 22

1	businesses and our community They	113
	businesses, and our community. Thank you.	
2	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Peterson.	
3	John Capozzi?	
4	MR. CAPOZZI: Good evening,	
5	Commissioners. I'm John Capozzi. I live in Ward	
6	7 in Hillcrest, and I wanted to come before you	
7	again tonight. I appreciate the opportunity to	
8	come again. I was at the first hearing, and I've	
9	actually attended all the hearings at this time.	
10	And I wanted to first thank you for the	
11	opportunity to have the community come out again	
12	and state their feelings about the merger. And I	
13	think I've learned one thing tonight as well as	
14	with the other hearings, that PEPCO is a great	
15	corporate citizen.	
16	They've done a terrific job in the	
17	community. So when I hear the Urban League, the	
18	Salvation Army, City Year, the Boys and Girls	
19	Club, LAYC, and others I mean, these are groups	
20	that I support myself. And I'm just really glad	
21	to see PEPCO has been supporting them so	
22	forthrightly. And actually, I'll be sending some	

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1	more organizations to them based on the fact that	
2	they've been supporting these because there's	
3	plenty of need here in the community.	
4	But I hope that doesn't influence in	
5	terms of the actual feelings in terms of the	
6	merger because the fact is that if you're	
7	receiving money from an organization like this, I	
8	think that's something that needs to be taken into	
9	consideration. And obviously, they've promised	
10	that in the future.	
11	But if PEPCO doesn't merge with Exelon,	
12	clearly they'll be continuing their community	
13	work, which is what I support. And as a	
14	shareholder in the company, I'm proud to hear that	
15	that's what they've been doing.	
16	I know that the fact that the company	
17	was trading at about \$20 or \$21 a share when the	
18	\$27 a share was offered was something people are	
19	excited about as shareholders. But I feel that,	
20	first of all, the merger is not in our best	
21	interests as residents here in the District.	
22	And also, the fact is that there are	

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1	several other companies interested in buying PEPCO	
2	that have a better corporate record. And I think	
3	that that's something that needs to be considered	
4	as well.	
5	There are plenty of suitors for PEPCO,	
6	and I think that that's something that, when you	
7	reject the merger, you're not going to have to	
8	worry that someone else will be out there	
9	interested in buying the company and hopefully	
10	doing more for the community and meeting the	
11	standard that you guys have set in terms of the	
12	kind of benefits that they would want to have.	
13	Now, we've talked a lot about	
14	reliability here tonight, and I know that also the	
15	People's Counsel has rejected the fact that Exelon	
16	has said that reliability is going to be increased	
17	because, frankly, PEPCO has done a good job in	
18	increasing the reliability.	
19	I've been to the stockholder meetings.	
20	I've heard the reports on this. I feel	
21	comfortable that they've done a good job with	
22	that, and I don't feel the merger is necessary to	

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1	move in that direction.	
2	Then finally, I heard a former employee	
3	talk about how the solar commitment would remain	
4	unchanged. Well, having met with Chairman Rigby	
5	personally and many members of Exelon's	
6	leadership, Charles Dickerson and others, they	
7	have made a good commitment to solar in this	
8	community and I want them to continue to do that.	
9	But when I read a quote from one of the	
10	lobbyists from Exelon from April of 2014, which is	
11	not that long ago, they're going after the federal	
12	credit for wind and solar. And the quote is,	
13	"'This year it's the wind industry,' said Joseph	
14	Dominguez, Exelon's VP of public policy and	
15	regulatory affairs. 'Next year it's the solar	
16	industry.'"	
17	So I don't want anybody to be confused	
18	about Exelon's commitment to solar or wind. If	
19	they own it, they seem to be very happy with it.	
20	But the idea of promoting it in the future for our	
21	country and for the District doesn't seem a high	
22	priority for them, is all.	
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1	So anyway, I want to thank you for the	11 <i>1</i>
2	opportunity to testify. I also want to mention	
3	the ring, the idea that there's a financial ring	
4	around the District for five years about	
5	decommissioning these nuclear plants.	
6	Well, clearly if they were going to	
7	decommission the plant in four years from now,	
8	they would have set it for four years. But	
9	instead, they set it for five years so that they	
10	know that after that time they can decommission	
11	those plants. Our financial ring will have	
12	disappeared at that time.	
13	And then the ratepayers of the District	
14	would be liable for that, as well as all the other	
15	ratepayers that Exelon has. And that's not	
16	something I'm looking forward to, whether it's as	
17	a stockholder or as a resident. Thank you very	
18	much.	
19	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Capozzi.	
20	Nicole Steele?	
21	MS. STEELE: Good evening. Thank you,	
22	Commissioners and Commission staff, for providing	

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1	this opportunity to share public comment tonight.	
2	My name is Nicole Steele. I am the executive	
3	director of GRID Alternatives Mid-Atlantic.	
4	GRID Alternatives is a nonprofit solar	
5	installer that exclusively serves low- income	
6	communities across the country, including in	
7	Washington, D.C. Our mission is to make solar	
8	accessible to everyone while offering valuable job	
9	training opportunities.	
10	In September 2014, GRID Alternatives	
11	Mid-Atlantic opened its doors in Washington, D.C.,	
12	and GRID ultimately made this decision to open its	
13	tenth office in D.C. based on local solar policies	
14	and the growing solar industry.	
15	As experts in low-income solar policy	
16	and workforce development models, GRID can offer	
17	unique insight on the proposed Exelon and PEPCO	
18	Holdings merger. GRID Alternatives is concerned	
19	that the current proposal does not meet public	
20	interest and offers several suggestions to ensure	
21	that the public interest is protected.	
22	Our first concern is the effect of the	

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1	merger on ratepayers and the District's economy.	
2	GRID is concerned that the proposed merger does	
3	not ensure that low-income customers will be	
4	protected from rate increases or have ample	
5	programmatic funds dedicated to assist low-income	
6	families in minimizing their energy bills through	
7	solar or energy efficiency.	
8	GRID is also concerned that the	
9	District's economy will be at risk. The local	
10	solar economy employs more than 800 people at over	
11	a hundred solar-related companies and is rapidly	
12	growing. Absent commitments to solar policies and	
13	grid infrastructure that facilitate solar	
14	competition within utility operations, the merger	
15	is not in the public interest.	
16	These first two concerns dovetail with	
17	our review of the merger's effect on the	
18	conservation of natural resources and the	
19	preservation of environmental quality. D.C. has	
20	enacted numerous solar policies with the intent to	
21	conserve and protect the environment.	
22	The District's government agencies have	

120 invested greatly in the development of solar 1 programs, including programs directed at serving 2 low-income communities. The proposed merger does 3 not demonstrate a commitment to advancing these 4 5 policies and the programs to meet environmental 6 qoals. 7 So from GRID's experience from working in eight states outside of D.C., we know it is 8 essential to have strong utility partners in order 9 10 to advance public policy goals. GRID Alternatives 11 believes there are actions that the merged utility 12 can take to be a strong partner and advance the 13 public interest to protect taxpayers, secure the 14 District's economy, and ensure environmental 15 quality. 16 First, the merged utility must maintain net metering for distributed energy technologies. 17 18 Net metering enables customers to be protected from rate increases and allows solar adopters to 19 be compensated for the energy that they produce. 20 This is especially important for low-income 21 customers who are disproportionately impacted by 22

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1	rate changes. It also encourages investment in	
2	clean energy technologies and the businesses that	
3	promote D.C. sustainability goals.	
4	Second, the merger must ensure community	
5	solar programs are supported. Community solar	
6	facilitates access to solar for all customers,	
7	including low-income customers that are likely to	
8	be renters. Like net metering, community solar	
9	provides ratepayer protection, supports the	
10	District's economy and promotes environmental	
11	preservation, and allows wider access to clean	
12	energy.	
13	Third, the merged utility should have	
14	dedicated departmental resources to process	
15	interconnection applications for solar distributed	
16	generation. The application process should be	
17	streamlined, transparent, and timely. This will	
18	protect the solar economy by ensuring the	
19	District's solar business can operate efficiently.	
20	Fourth, the merger proposal should	
21	contribute more to the consumer investment fund.	
22	The District's commitment to sustainability	

warrants a consumer investment fund that meets or 1 exceeds similar funds. These funds should be 2 directed at solar and energy efficiency programs 3 for low-income customers to reduce their ongoing 4 5 utility payments. 6 Fifth and lastly, the merger proposal should commit to additional funding to 7 workforce development programs. Job training 8 programs should target low-income communities 9 where the need for higher-paying skilled jobs is 10 most needed. According to the Solar Foundation's 11 12 recently released annual jobs report, this investment will greatly support the District's 13 14 economy as the solar industry added over 31,000 jobs across the U.S. in 2014 alone and plans to 15 16 add another 36,000 jobs in 2015. 17 So with commitments to these proposed 18 solutions, GRID Alternatives believes that the merger will better serve the public interest and 19 20 our mission to bring the benefits of clean, renewable energy to low-income communities in 21 22 Washington, D.C. Without these commitments, this

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123 merger could be devastating to the homeowners we 1 serve, our overall mission, and our business model 2 3 in D.C. 4 And I certainly appreciate this opportunity for GRID Alternatives to offer 5 comments to the Commissioners tonight, so thank 6 7 you very much. 8 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you very much, Ms. 9 Steele. 10 Ken Williams? 11 MR. K. WILLIAMS: Good evening, 12 Chairwoman Kane, Commissioner Fort, and Commissioner Phillips. My name is Ken Williams. 13 In the chief executive officer and founder of 14 15 Allied Telecom Group. 16 Headquartered here in D.C., Allied 17 Telecom is a telecommunications carrier licensed by this Commission and several other stages in the 18 Mid-Atlantic region. My company provides ultra-19 20 reliable broadband internet connectivity, voice, and cloud communication services to D.C. 21 businesses and organizations throughout the Mid-22

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1	Atlantic and Northeast region. I'm a native	
2	Washingtonian and current Ward 2 resident.	
3	I'm here tonight to testify in support	
4	of the merger between PEPCO and Exelon. I believe	
5	the combination of these two companies will	
6	strengthen the community and benefit local	
7	residents.	
8	The number one priority of a utility	
9	company is to provide safe, affordable, and	
10	reliable services to its customers. Having worked	
11	with PEPCO on a variety of projects, I know that	
12	reliability is their top priority and something	
13	that the company has devoted tremendous effort in	
14	recent times towards.	
15	My company, Allied Telecom, has been a	
16	leading provider of reliable and cost- effective	
17	broadband telecom services since the mid-'90s.	
18	Utilizing both advanced fiber optics and	
19	innovative services over existing copper wires,	
20	Allied has been very successful at delivering	
21	reliable services to D.C.	
22	businesses.	

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1	With many businesses migrating their	1
2	critical business functions to the cloud,	
3	reliability is paramount to their operations. This	
4	kind of telecom advancement would not be possible	
5	without reliable power from PEPCO.	
6	Additionally, just as PEPCO understands	
7	the importance of reliability to area businesses,	
8	so too does Exelon. In addition to providing	
9	services to here in the District, my company also	
10	serves clients in Baltimore and Philadelphia. In	
11	both cities, Exelon has been a strong partner for	
12	Allied by providing reliable service, and I'm	
13	confident the same will occur here in the District	
14	as a result of this merger.	
15	Beyond the reliability benefits of this	
16	merger which will provide to both local businesses	
17	and consumers, I also want to take a moment to	
18	discuss PEPCO's long-term support of an	
19	organization that's very important to me.	
20	I serve as chairman of the board of	
 21	Mentors, Inc., a nonprofit organization here in	
 22	D.C. that pairs D.C. public high school students	

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1	. and charter school students with caring adult	÷ – .
2	mentors. Founded in 1987 by a local parent and	
3	school principal, Mentors taps into a large pool	
4	of highly educated professionals here in D.C. and	
5	around the area to help and prepare students for	
6	college and professional careers.	
7	Like so many other nonprofit	
8	organizations in Washington, Mentors, Inc.	
9	relies on PEPCO's long-term record of	
10	charitable giving. Over the last 10 years,	
11	Mentors, Inc. has benefitted from PEPCO by	
12	providing mentor volunteers and financial support	
13	so we can provide these mentor opportunities to	
14	D.C. students.	
15	I am pleased to know that support will	
16	continue under Exelon, as the company has	
17	committed to maintaining PEPCO's 2013 level of	
18	charitable giving every year for the next decade.	
19	As a proud product of the D.C. public high school	
20	system, I know that this is very important to the	
21	support of our students.	
22	In closing, Commissioners, I want to	

127 thank you for the time that you're dedicating to 1 the discussion of this very important issue, and 2 I'm confident that once you've reviewed the 3 details, you will approve this merger as it truly 4 5 is in the best interest of D.C. residents. Thank 6 you. 7 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Williams. 8 Doyle Mitchell? 9 MR. MITCHELL: Good evening, Commissioner Kane and Commissioners Phillips and 10 11 Fort, staff of the Public Service Commission. Mv name is B. Doyle Mitchell, Jr., and I'm president 12 13 and CEO of Industrial Bank in Washington, D.C. 14 Industrial Bank began at the corner of 11th and U Street in 1934, and today we are still 15 16 headquartered in Washington, D.C. Today Industrial Bank continues to be a strong partner 17 18 for small and large businesses, homeowners, 19 personal customers in the Washington, D.C. community, and we're one of the largest African 20 21 American-owned and operated banks in the United 22 States.

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1	The purpose of my testimony is to	100		
2	provide support for the merger of Exelon			
3	Corporation and PEPCO. PEPCO has been in D.C.			
4	for a long, long time and has been known			
5	as an exemplary corporate citizen with its			
6	charitable and community activities. Many of the			
7	organizations that have testified tonight about			
8	receiving support from them I'm very familiar			
9	with.			
10	I also recently learned that Exelon was			
11	named as one of the top 40 best companies for			
12	diversity by Black Enterprise Magazine, a			
13	publication that I have a lot of respect for and			
14	the great family that runs it. I believe this is			
15	their fifth time in six years the company has been			
16	selected of its diversity inclusion performance in			
17	four areas employee base, senior management,			
18	board of directors, and supplier diversity.			
19	Like PEPCO and Exelon, Industrial Bank			
20	is customer-focused. We depend on our customers,			
21	and they in turn depend on us. Our customers			
22	depend on us to be strong for their banking needs			

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	1 and safe for their hard-earned dollars.	100
	2 Many of our customers are small and	
	3 local businesses. Therefore, it's great to learn	
	4 that PEPCO and Exelon have partnered with the	
	5 District in a billion-dollar undergrounding	
	6 project to improve local infrastructure to better	
	7 serve the stakeholders in Washington, D.C. We	
	8 trust that many of these dollars will go to small	
	9 and local businesses.	
1	0 Improvements like smart grid technology	
1	l and burying power lines will enhance overall	
1:	2 reliability, which is important for us and for	
1	3 local and small business customers.	
1.	Lastly, it's been projected that the	
15	5 merger has an economic value of nearly \$100	
10	5 million or more and will create 900 to 1300 new	
17	/ jobs. Jobs mean a whole lot to our customers.	
18	B These economic business, new job growth,	
19	e continuance of local presence and control of the	
20	Public Service Commission, and the combined	
21	resources of two industry leaders, will be of	
22	benefit for the District, its residents, and	

1	community.	130
2	Thank you for the opportunity to present	
3	this statement of support for the merger.	
4	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell.	
5	David Goldblatt?	
6	MR. GOLDBLATT: Good evening,	
7	Commissioners. I am David Goldblatt, a D.C.	
8	resident, Ward 5 homeowner, and a D.C. business	
9	owner.	
10	The merger of Exelon and PEPCO has the	
11	potential to provide substantial benefits to the	
12	District, including a positive impact on service,	
13	quality, jobs, our community, and the city	
14	environment, both physical and economic.	
15	There is no doubt D.C. will be better	
16	off by giving PEPCO more resources this merger	
17	provides. With our infrastructure becoming such a	
18	major part of the political and economic debate in	
19	D.C., we need to make sure that Exelon and PEPCO	
20	will work with D.C., and I'm sure they will.	
21	Their undergrounding and smart grid work is just	
22	one step in improving the infrastructure, and	

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1	PEPCO will continue to do activities like this	ТОТ
2	after the merger.	
3	I think that when we look at this with	
4	better service for both residents and businesses,	
5	continued growth and reliability and investment, I	
6	see it as your jobs to be the checks and balances,	
7	to make sure that they control rates. But the	
8	investment we've heard just today in the	
9	community, what PEPCO does in the community, is as	
10	important after the merger as it is today, and I	
11	believe it's going to continue.	
12	So I fully support the application, and	
13	I thank you for your time.	
14	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr.	
15	Goldblatt.	
16	Schroeder Strivling?	
17	(No response.)	
18	CHAIRMAN KANE: Antonio Francis?	
19	MR. FRANCIS: Good evening, Chairman	
20	Kane, Commissioner Fort, and Commissioner	
21	Phillips. My name is Antonio Francis. I'm the	
22	co-owner and director of operations for Volt	

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1	Energy. Volt Energy is a renewable energy					
2	development firm that builds, operates, and					
3	maintains state of the art renewable energy					
4	systems for commercial, government, nonprofit, and					
5	educational institutions.					
6	At its heart, Volt Energy's mission is					
7	to solve the world's energy problems by					
8	accelerating the adoption of renewable energy. I'm					
9	here tonight to offer my testimony in support of a					
10	proposed merger between PEPCO and Exelon.					
11	Volt Energy has worked with PEPCO on					
12	various projects throughout the city, and in each					
13	instance we were impressed by the company's					
14	willingness to support renewable energy efforts.					
15	We anticipate this level of support following					
16	PEPCO's merger with Exelon.					
17	One of Volt Energy's recent projects was					
18	an installation of solar panels at Florida Avenue					
19	Baptist Church. As a result of this project, a					
20	10-kilowatt solar system, Florida Avenue Baptist					
21	Church became the first African American church in					
22	the District of Columbia to be powered by solar					

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1	energy. Now, as a boost to its existing PEPCO	
2	electricity service, the church generates its own	
3	electricity at a significant cost savings and	
4	reduces its carbon footprint.	
5	PEPCO was a partner to both Volt Energy	
6	and the church during the project, and has offered	
7	similar support with respect to a number of Volt	
8	Energy projects. PEPCO's commitment to helping	
9	businesses and individuals in the District of	
10	Columbia that want to pursue renewable energy is	
11	important as we look forward to the future of	
12	energy production in this country.	
13	As I consider this merger, I know we can	
14	expect the same kind of commitment from Exelon, a	
15	company that has had major investments in solar	
16	energy such as th230- megawatt Antelope Valley	
17	Solar Ranch in Southern California, and Exelon's	
18	urban solar project on the south side of Chicago.	
19	Throughout its history, Volt Energy has	
20	maintained a strong business relationship with	
21	PEPCO's local leaders. Executives, management,	
22	and staff are accessible and willing to work with	

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1	Volt Energy as we assist local businesses	101
2	interested in pursuing renewable energy.	
3	PEPCO's executives and staff have also	
4	been very active and supportive with AABE, the	
5	Association of American Blacks in Energy, both	
6	locally and nationally. It is because of Volt	
7	Energy's history with PEPCO that I'm encouraged to	
8	know local leadership will remain in place after	
9	the merger is complete. As a resident and	
10	business owner, it is important to me that the	
11	members of our local community lead our local	
12	utility.	
13	I want to also speak with you tonight as	
14	a District resident and PEPCO customer who looks	
15	forward to additional reliability improvements	
16	that will occur following this merger. PEPCO has	
17	made significant progress these last few years in	
18	improving reliability for District residents, but	
19	there is much more to be done. With Exelon's	
20	resources and commitment to improve reliability, I	
21	am confident that the District residents will see	
22	benefits from this merger that serve their best	

135 1 interests as energy consumers. 2 In closing, Commissioners, this merger is a step in the right direction for the District 3 of Columbia, and I encourage you to approve it. 4 5 Thank you for your time. 6 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Francis. 7 Α. Smith? MS. SMITH: Good evening. I'm here --8 it's been quite an educational experience, but let 9 10 me just say this because so many people have 11 spoken so eloquently, I don't want to repeat in 12 any great detail. But basically, first of all, I just want to give some pointers that I haven't 13 14 heard yet. 15 One is that I live in Petworth. I've 16 been in D.C. since 2000. And I'm not here to bash 17 I'm not here to sing its praises, either. PEPCO. I'm just more of a neutral tone. When I found out 18 that Exelon was trying to buy PEPCO, it made my 19 hair stand up more than it's standing tonight. 20 21 I've had the benefit at my place of 22 business, a corporate environment, of working with

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1	people who do major investments for the last six	120
2	years, and they speculate on companies. And from	
3	what I've learned, because we had Exelon in the	
4	portfolio for a while, Exelon is basically doing	
5	exactly, step by step, what we discussed through	
6	risk analysis.	
7	It was dropped from the portfolio simply	
8	because, as so many people have mentioned, it is	
9	in that cycle. I'm not going to call it a	
10	dinosaur, but it is not progressive and it has	
11	many issues of debt, enough that I don't know what	
12	happened in your first and second meetings because	
13	I didn't know about it.	
14	And what happened was I got my PEPCO	
15	bill a week ago Friday, and I went, oh, my	
16	goodness, because here's the thing. I believe	
17	that we need to despite frustration, despite	
18	pleasant surprises, we need to work with PEPCO to	
19	make the deal with mismanagement, poor management	
20	issues. I'll give you an example.	
21	So I got my bill, and I added up my new	
22	cost. And I know that winter rates are kicking	

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1	in, but still. I said, oh, my goodness. Let me	
2	call PEPCO because my bill tripled. My new	
3	charges tripled from last month, within 60 days,	
4	which is unacceptable to me. So I got on the	
5	phone, and it went through two menus, and	
6	basically, nobody would pick up the phone.	
7	There was a letter that went out last	
8	year. Somebody mentioned about something that	
9	happened. But anyway, very quickly, I don't know	
10	if you all are aware it went out. And it seemed	
11	like it was a done deal, that Exelon had already	
12	purchased it.	
13	And I'm going to pray very hard that	
14	everything that's been said comes through this	
15	evening, that you go against this merger, and that	
16	someone mentioned new suitors for PEPCO, but that	
17	we need to stay with PEPCO.	
18	And definitely, please I brought a	
19	map, too, because it's from the Community Bank,	
20	and it shows I didn't know there would be three	
21	of you here; you can have this copies of the	
22	two-thirds of D.C. which are not only low and	

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1	moderate and middle income where loans are needed,	
2	but these are all it's not going to just be	
3	lower income. Everyone is going to be impacted	
4	because the rates will continue to rise. So	
5	there.	
6	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you. You can give	
7	those to the secretary's office. Then it will go	
8	in the record and everybody can see them.	
9	MS. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.	
10	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you very much, Ms.	
11	Smith.	
12	Kevin Clinton?	
13	MR. CLINTON: Good evening,	
14	Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to	
15	testify today. My name is Kevin Clinton. I'm the	
16	chief operating officer for the Federal City	
17	Council. The Federal City Council is a civic	
18	organization consisting of business, professional,	
19	nonprofit, and education leaders throughout the	
20	District of Columbia committed to the improvement	
21	of our city.	
22	As an organization, we recognize the	

fundamental role that the District's 1 infrastructure plays in the vitality and 2 sustainability of our economy and our environment. 3 We are supporting this merger because we believe 4 5 the merger of Exelon and PEPCO has the potential to provide the following several benefits for the 6 7 District of Columbia. One, enhancing economic confidence: This 8 9 merger signals that Exelon, a Fortune 100 company, 10 views our economy and our business climate as 11 attractive for investment and growth. Exelon's 12 commitment to providing premium resilient 13 electricity infrastructure will support the 14 development of our economy, according to Dr. Susan 15 Tierney's study, which was in the filings that you 16 received. The merger would create up to 1281 new 17 jobs and have a total economic value of not less 18 than a range of \$95.4 million to \$133.6 million. 19 Number two, we believe it will ensure 20 reliability of electricity access. The 21 combination of Exelon's other Mid-Atlantic 22 distribution networks with PEPCO's vast

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infrastructure will enhance overall system 1 capacity for addressing outages quickly, 2 3 especially given increasing integration of information technologies in all sectors. We need 4 5 sufficient and reliable electricity supply to minimize unnecessary business interruptions and 6 7 losses. 8 Over the 2018 to 2020 period, Exelon 9 plans reductions in the average outage frequency 10 by 48 percent in its proposed D.C. operational 11 area and average duration reductions of 28 12 percent, as compared to PEPCO's metrics in 2011 to 13 '13. 14 Three, we believe the merger will enable 15 an investment in capital stock in the city. PEPCO is committed to a number of capital improvements 16 17 to enhance our reliability and resiliency, such as plans to underground wires across the District. 18 19 These investments require significant capital, 20 which Exelon is prepared to provide. 21 In addition, our organization is very pleased that PEPCO is committed to environmental 22

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1	remediation efforts adjacent to the Anacostia	
2	River, and we will expect that Exelon will	
3	maintain these commitments, much like it did in	
4	illness and Baltimore.	
5	Four, we think the merger will improve	
6	efficiency to maintain reasonable electricity	
7	rates. One of the benefits of an organization	
8	with a larger scale is a broader base of	
9	operations and expertise from which to draw ideas	
10	and innovations that will help improve the	
11	efficiency of operations.	
12	These efficiencies, over the long run,	
13	will help reduce growth rates in electricity rates	
14	or improve service quality, depending on the	
15	decisions of this Commission. Based on estimates	
16	from Exelon, there are anticipated savings of \$43	
17	million that will benefit the economy in this way.	
18	Five, we believe that the merger will	
19	allow a deepening of PEPCO's commitment to the	
20	community. PEPCO has been a good corporate	2
21	citizen, as you've heard here tonight, and our	
22	hope is that Exelon will sustain these commitments	

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1	to the community.	TIT
2	It has promised that over the next 10	
3	years it will provide a charitable contribution	
4	level greater than PEPCO's 2013 giving, and it is	
5	committed to a \$14 million community investment	
6	fund at the outset of the minute process.	
7	In conclusion, we believe that this	
8	merger has the potential to provide substantial	
9	benefits to our city, including a positive impact	
10	on rates, service quality, jobs, and the city's	
11	business environment. Thank you for the	
12	opportunity to testify.	
13	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Clinton.	
14	That, I believe, finishes the list of	
15	people who had signed up ahead of time. There	
16	were a couple of people I know who weren't here	
17	when I called them. I see Jermaine Brown, if you	
18	would come up. Then I'm going to go back through	
19	the list. And then we'll go to the people who	
20	signed up.	
21	MR. BROWN: Hello. My name is Jermaine	
22	Brown, a D.C. resident, business owner, and	

1 ratepayer.

2 The advocation with the PSC for the PEPCO and Exelon merger, as it stands, I do not 3 Why? Because there's really nothing in 4 support. 5 The benefits for ratepayers, small business, it. and residents, as it relates to job creation 6 7 directly from the merger, as it relates to renewable energy, as it relates to increased 8 reliability, and as it relates to conservation and 9 10 low cost.

11 I'm also here to speak as a small 12 business owner. Every small business owner always 13 asks, what's in the merger for me, or what's the 14 merger going to do for us? And to me, in itself, 15 if you got to ask, you don't know. And that's not 16 PEPCO and Exelon's job to figure out what you need 17 to get out of the deal.

And to me, it's inherently they can't. Inherently they can't. It is in the contracting opportunity. This is a small -- to me, it isn't a contracting opportunity. I would like to say to small business, this is a business deal. And

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	1	looking at it, you need to look at it as a	
	2	business deal.	
	3	And this business deal doesn't need a	
	4	set of recommendations, and that's not what I'm	
	5	here for. I'm here because I would like to be an	
	6	amendment to the merger. I think this merger	
	7	needs as PEPCO and Exelon mergers, they need	
	8	another partner to implement the things they're	
	9	going to do around the city.	
	10	As an amendment to this merger, Altility	
	11	(ph), which is a resident-owned and operated	
	12	company I founded that actually does distributed	
	13	energy automation and communication, would like to	
	14	have an exclusive ancillary power deal with PEPCO.	
	15	I think a lot of residents here in the	
	16	District doesn't understand reactive power and how	
	17	that works in their homes, and doesn't even know	
	18	there's a tariff for reactive power. I think	
	19	sometimes just PV, solar, we speak about solar,	
	20	sometimes the solar designs, as I look around the	
	21	city, fill the grid just inherently the way they	
	22	design because a lot of solar PV systems and the	
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1	inverters that they use doesn't help with all	
2	compensation, and a lot of residents doesn't know	
3	about that, or reactive power. Even their	
4	appliances in their home doesn't work with the	
5	grid because of the power factors in the	
6	appliances.	
7	Two, I think PEPCO needs to partner with	
8	D.Cbased companies or even Altility to be an	
9	implementer or operator to our new smart grid that	
10	we're pursuing. I think PEPCO needs to start a	
11	smart grid pilot before the merger starts, just to	
12	show good faith that they're moving forward.	
13	I also think that PEPCO needs to	
14	actually fund renewable energy. I have three	
15	acres of raw land in D.C. that I've dedicated to	
16	low-income solar for residents, for community	
17	solar. That's three acres of raw land that they	
18	can show or Exelon can show that hey, they can	
19	cover it with solar and show residents they are	
20	backing renewable energy power.	
21	Other than that, I don't have a lot else	
22	to say. But just as a D.C. resident, I don't want	

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1	to really seem like I'm just opposed just to be	
2	opposed. You know, I look at a lot of deals	
3	around the city, whether it's in contracting or	
4	not, and just on its face I just feel like when	
5	the deal happens, there needs to be some other	
6	entity involved, that the people, the public, can	
7	create or that they can trust in that's going to	
8	actually create jobs when this deal goes down.	
9	I'm not someone that's waiting for a	
10	contracting opportunity after the deal goes down.	
11	I feel like if you're cutting that pie now, I want	
12	pie now, not later. Thank you.	
13	(Laughter.)	
14	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Brown.	
15	Thank you.	
16	I'm going to run very quickly through	
17	the list of people who I named before, and if any	
18	of you are here, come forward.	
19	Kelly Brinkley. Michael Sindram. Robert	
20	Vinson Brannum. Lena Moffit. Ben Springer.	
21	Steven Moore. David Crotts. Reverend Charles	
22	Brown. Pat Bahn. Melanie Hom. David Oberting.	

147 Maurice Walker. Lenwood Johnson. Michelle Boyd. 1 2 Jim Driscoll. 3 Oh, okay. Mr. Johnson? MR. JOHNSON: Good evening, Chairman 4 Kane, Commissioners Fort and Phillips. My name is 5 Lenwood Johnson, and I am here today representing 6 the Pleasant Plains Civic Association. 7 Our current president is Darren Jones. 8 9 The Pleasant Plains Neighborhood Network is a partnership among the Pleasant Plains Civic 10 Association, MentoringWorks2, and the Emergence 11 Community Arts Collective to expand civic 12 engagement and give voice to our neighborhood. 13 This merger proposal is of grave concern 14 to the residents of our association. As you are 15 aware, residents have been paying for years of 16 electrical service that has not been reliable. 17 As a result of no real movement in the area of 18 reliability under the leadership of former Mayor 19 Gray, a task force was formed to address this 20 21 ongoing issue in the form of the underground 22 project called DC PLUG.

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1	I would like to thank our Office of the	148
2	People's Counsel under the direction of Sandra	
3	Mattavous-Frye for encouraging and advocating for	
4	a creative financing plan that will cost D.C.	
5	consumers no more than \$4 monthly, compared to the	
6	30 to \$40 monthly that was on the table at one	
7	time.	
8	D.C. consumers have already seen at	
9	least four rate increases in the past five years.	
10	The Pleasant Plains Civic Association would like	
11	to go on record as opposing the application as	
12	filed. We understand the business part of this,	
13	but any merger that is approved by this Commission	
14	must show real, tangible benefits for consumers	
15	and not promises.	
16	There must be consumer protection with	
17	appropriate fines and penalties for not meeting	
18	the Commission's reliability standards. There has	
19	to be real accountability for any potential	
20	promises not met. Any merger application must	
21	come with some sort of rate freeze for three to	
22	five years and a commitment to real jobs and	

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1	training for our highest unemployment areas of the	
2	city, Wards 7 and 8. Any merger application needs	
3	to take into account a focus on customer service	
4	and a local call center operating in the District	
5	with D.C. residents working in them.	
6	Everyone is aware of the large nuclear	
7	capacity that Exelon has and some of the issues as	
8	it relates to a few of the nuclear power plants	
9	having some financial problems. As this	
10	Commission is aware, the current business model of	
11	the Exelon company is in direct conflict with the	
12	direction of D.C.'s sustainability renewable	
13	focus.	
14	Exelon makes money based on selecting	
15	electricity, not conserving energy. If for some	
16	reason the Commission decides that the merger is	
17	in the public interest based on your seven	
18	factors, I would ask you to consider the following	
19	recommendations by the Pleasant Plains Civic	
20	Association.	
21	Number 1: A rate freeze of three years.	
22	Number 2: Extend customer service	

150 center hours at your location on Martin Luther 1 2 King Avenue, S.E. 3 Number 3: Establish a training program for linemen and customer service, call center 4 5 staff. 6 Number 4: Create a process that would establish a fee to go directly to consumers for 7 weather-related outages and slow restoration time 8 9 if power is not restored to at least a certain number of consumers within a certain time period. 10 11 Number 5: A commitment to the establishment of a sustainability working group in 12 order to make sure D.C. is on target to meet its 13 14 goals. And, 15 Number 6: Adhere to existing Commission goals as it relates to electric reliability. 16 17 Thank you for the opportunity to share the views of the Pleasant Plains Civic Association 18 19 in this matter. 20 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you very much, Mr. 21 Johnson. 22 I had called Michelle Boyd and Jim

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1	Driscoll; they were not here. And everybody else,	TOT
2	I've collected the names recently. So let me now	
3	turn to the list of people who have signed up this	
4	evening. And again, I know some people have left,	
5	so we just want to make clear anyone can send in	
6	anything for the record in written testimony and	
7	it will be given the same consideration.	
8	I'll try to read all this handwriting.	
9	Mary Young? Ms. Young?	
10	MS. YOUNG: Good evening. First of all,	
11	I'd like to congratulate you as the most powerful	
12	people in the United States. You are now coopting	
13	the President of the United States. He's about to	
14	speak.	
15	(Laughter.)	
16	MS. YOUNG: But anyway	
17	CHAIRMAN KANE: We'll have to catch the	
18	replay.	
19	MS. YOUNG: Exactly. Look at the	
20	replay, over and over again.	
21	My name is Mary Young. I am ANC	
22	commissioner from 3B04. I am a long-time tenant	

152 1 advocate, and I work as a tenant advocate greatly with the elderly in the buildings I represent and 2 3 elsewhere. 4 Let me start from the ANC part. Mark Battle, vice president of PEPCO, came on behalf of 5 Exelon to tell us what a great service we are 6 going to get when Exelon becomes our new service 7 for our new electricity. And he went through this 8 list that was really very pie-in-the-sky, which 9 10 made us all immediately suspicious. 11 I went home and did my homework and went online and started reading as much as I could 12 about Exelon, and there were a lot of red flags in 13 14 their business model. Just anecdotally, I have a brother and a sister who live in Illinois and 15 16 said, never allow Exelon in your pocketbook, 17 please. And that's just - - and one brother even moved out of Illinois because he couldn't take it 18 19 any more. 20 When we had Mr. Battle speak to us, it was really great-sounding. And if I had to vote 21 that evening, I would have voted probably in favor 22

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1	of the merger. I am categorically opposed to it.	
2	I know our ANC is writing a resolution, so I am	
3	not going to say anything more about that because	
4	we will go on record also as a commission.	
5	First of all, I looked at the seven	
6	items that you put down, and one thing I would	
7	like you to consider very carefully. There's been	
8	so much testimony about the philanthropy of both	
9	PEPCO and Exelon, and that should not be a	
10	consideration. I think all businesses should be	
11	good citizens and help. And also, just as full	
12	disclosure, my little, small pension plan has both	
13	PEPCO and Exelon.	
14	If I had to ask myself, what would I get	
15	out of this, I would be taking money out of one	
16	pocket and putting it in the other. And so it	
17	doesn't seem to me that that is a good reason. I	
18	would even be willing to lose money not for this	
19	me to go ahead. Why? Because the people that I	
20	serve as a tenant advocate are the poor, the	
21	elderly, especially women, who have very fixed and	
22	low incomes, and they could not afford one penny	

1 more.

2 I got something in the mail from PEPCO about their winter program, and so of course I 3 sent it out to all the people I represent. 4 And I started getting telephone calls back because when 5 6 they tried to call PEPCO to take advantage, PEPCO was referring them to the D.C. government to get 7 help to pay their bills. And so I was very 8 displeased about that; in fact, I'm going to send 9 10 my copy to the Office of the People's Counsel and 11 begin because to me, that's false advertising.

As a followup to our meeting with Mr. Battle, we all discovered in the commission that we needed to get more information. And so we invited someone from the Office of the People's Counsel to come and also explain to us exactly what would happen within this merger.

And then just to be fair, we said, we should also invite Mr. Battle so there could be a back and forth between the two of them. And the Office of the People's Counsel totally debunked every item of Exelon. And Mr. Battle was there to

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1	respond, and he could not respond to the concerns.	
2	And so that also made us very wary So now we are	
3	preparing our own resolution, as I mentioned.	
4	One thing I heard, and from right at the	
5	present moment it's only hearsay, but I would	
6	like to look into it more, and I'm sorry my	
7	testimony is not written yet because I was out of	
8	town but I heard that Delaware proposed, when	
9	they were dealing with Exelon, they had different	
10	demands that they put out to Exelon, and that	
11	Exelon categorically denied the Delaware demands.	
12	And so I would urge you to look into them to see	
13	what they were. I imagine you might already have	
14	them.	
15	But please, think of the poor. Think of	
16	the elderly. Think of people disabled, people on	
17	fixed incomes, families with kids. We can't afford	
18	to have this merger, which is really not in our	
19	best interest as ratepayers. And that is the first	
20	concern.	
21	And I just want to say thank you to both	
22	PEPCO and Exelon for their philanthropic work, but	

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1	that should not be the basis of your decision.	100
2	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Ms. Young.	
3	Scott Tjaden?	
4	MR. TJADEN: Good evening. It's	
5	pronounced Scott Tjaden. It's a silent T.	
6	CHAIRMAN KANE: Tjaden.	
7	MR. TJADEN: That's okay. I served as a	
8	student intern at PEPCO during my graduate studies	
9	in environmental design at the University of	
10	Maryland. My internship provided me valuable	
11	insight into PEPCO's environmental education and	
12	sustainable initiatives.	
13	I was also provided many opportunities	
14	to interact with PEPCO customers and environmental	
15	leaders throughout the communities served by	
16	PEPCO. Based on these experiences, I would like	
17	to express my support for the merger of PEPCO	
18	Holdings and Exelon.	
19	I began to learn about PEPCO's	
20	environmental commitment when I was an	
21	undergraduate student at the University of	
22	Maryland. I was engaged in the study of design,	

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1	environmental sustainable housing. In 2011, I was	
2	part of the student team which placed first among	
3	18 competitor schools in the U.S. Department of	
4	Energy's Solar Decathlon competition, which was	
5	held right here in D.C.	
6	In 2012, PEPCO acquired this house from	
7	the university, which was branded Watershed,	
8	through a grant to the university. PEPCO believed	
9	that Watershed deserved a permanent home to serve	
10	as a center for sustainable design and a place	
11	where the visitors could see firsthand the	
12	benefits of energy efficiency, renewable energy,	
13	and smart grid technologies.	
14	PEPCO moved the Watershed Sustainability	
15	Center to the Rockville customer service center.	
16	In the spring of 2014, I was provided	
17	opportunities to further my graduate studies at	
18	the Watershed Sustainability Center by supporting	
19	PEPCO's environmental education and outreach	
20	programs.	
21	I was engaged directly with customers by	
22	demonstrating energy-saving, sustainable, and	

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1	environmentally friendly technologies that could	
2	be applied in their own homes. I also developed	
3	an environmental curriculum for secondary students	
4	in this region.	
5	I was engaged in educating the public	
6	about watersheds, wetlands, and native plants	
7	while promoting water conservation, recycling, and	
8	clean, renewable energy programs. I also prepared	
9	technical papers to help the Watershed	
10	Sustainability Center achieve certifications in	
11	the International Wildlife Habitat Council.	
12	This program recognizes facilities that	
13	create and maintain high-quality wildlife habitats	
14	and implement effective environmental education	
15	programs. PEPCO's transmission right-of-ways in	
16	Maryland and in the Benning Service Center located	
17	along the Anacostia River in the District of	
18	Columbia are also certified with this	
19	certification.	
20	I know that Exelon has a strong record	
21	of promoting sustainability in the jurisdiction in	
22	which it presently operates. For example, in 2013	

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1	Exelon produced more than 5.8 million megawatt	100
2	hours of electricity from renewable resources and	
3	added 153 megawatts of new utility-scale solar	
4	capacity. Exelon also has demonstrated a strong	
5	commitment to biodiversity and land preservation	
6	at many of these facilities, with 26 locations	
7	that are certified by the Wildlife Habitat	
8	Council.	
9	In closing, I recognize that both PEPCO	
10	and Exelon have demonstrated meaningful ways to	
11	educate the public about environmental stewardship	
12	and sustainability. When PEPCO becomes part of	
13	the Exelon companies, there should be even more	
14	opportunities to proactively showcase energy and	
15	environmental leadership and innovation to expand	
16	groups of customers, students, and community	
17	partners through PEPCO's Watershed Sustainability	
18	Center.	
19	I am confident that the proposed merger	
20	will result in even more robust support of the	
21	environmental work that I have initiated. I	
22	believe that the merged companies will continue to	

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1	cultivate the next generation of environment	100
2	stewards through environmental education and	
3	student intern programs. Thank you.	
4	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Tjaden.	
5	Sidney Robertson?	
6	MR. ROBERTSON: Good evening. My name is	
7	Sidney Robertson. Very nice to be in front of	
8	you, Ms. Fort, Ms. Kane, and Mr. Phillips. This is	
9	my first time actually speaking at one of these	
10	meetings.	
11	I'm here mostly I live in R Street	
12	Apartments. It is an income-restricted property,	
13	which this city desperately needs to keep	
14	diversity throughout our neighborhoods. And I'm	
15	also here on a lot of concerns on this merger.	
16	I've been trying to read more and more	
17	and more and more articles on the whole thing. I	
18	have read about Exelon having a couple of the	
19	biggest solar panel farms in the nation. But what	
20	I'm concerned about is, in this deal with them	
21	coming in, is the low- income people and	
22	implementing those energy efficiency standards	

161 here because it's very unclear how they're going 1 2 to do it. 3 I think there should be a plan, a very detailed plan, in place of what their future is 4 for us on that to make sure that the elderly, the 5 disabled, and the low income have the opportunity 6 7 to have savings on their energy bills and their 8 gas bills. 9 And I think it's very important that with the green initiative that the whole nation is 10 trying to do and that we are trying to do, to 11 12 ensure that that continues going forward and not at a standstill. I've heard that they simply 13 would kind of maintain some of the standards or 14 the procedures that's being implemented now. 15 But like I haven't heard anything about them expanding 16 it into a broader region into the future. 17 18 That's our future as a nation. That's our future as a world. We have to go with more 19 green, more renewable energy. And I'm also 20 concerned about the aging infrastructure that's in 21 our city as far as the power grid. That does need 22

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22 our city as far as the power grid. That does need

1	to be updated. They seem to want to do that, but I
2	don't see a specific plan for that.
3	So you can promise the sun, but you may
4	get rain. That's what I'm most concerned about.
5	And when you all go forward with approving or
6	disapproving of this, I'm against it just because
7	there's not enough details laid out. There's not
8	enough plan work laid out. There's a lot of
9	promises, a lot of "We wills," "We should," "We
10	could."
11	If you're that sure and you're that big
12	of a company that's going to come into this market
13	and have so many plans, you should have a detailed
14	plan. If I was going to buy a business and go to
15	a bank, I would have to have a detailed plan for a
16	loan. I would have to have a detailed plan for a
17	business. I don't think this should be any
18	different, and especially when it's affecting
19	every single person in our community and the low-
20	income and the elderly the most.
21	So yes, I'm against it. And thank you
22	very much.

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	1	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you.	
	2	Robin Walker, is it?	
	3	MR. BODAKEN: Robin had to leave. But	
	4	Cassandra is going to speak on her behalf.	
	5	MS. WITT: Good afternoon. My name is	
	6	Cassandra Witt. I'm a PEPCO customer residing in	
	7	the R Street Apartments. I have been fortunate to	
	8	benefit from energy efficiency investments. These	
	9	improvements help me save money and live a healthy	
	10	lifestyle.	
	11	I am concerned the proposed Exelon/PEPCO	
	12	merger doesn't reflect the needs of low-income	
	13	D.C. residents, most especially people like	
	14	myself. I respectfully ask the Commission to give	
	15	special consideration to the potential impact of	
	16	the merger on low- income D.C. families, including	
	17	the majority of low-income residents that rent	
	18	their homes.	
1	19	Energy efficiency improvements provide	
2	20	help for renters through lower utility bills or	
2	21	lower rents. What Exelon has proposed for poor	
2	22	and working people isn't enough. I understand	

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1	Exelon has made no commitment to assist low-income	
2	D.C. ratepayers. The PSC should ensure that this	
3	merger benefits renters by requiring Exelon to	
4	support energy efficiency investments in	
5	affordable multi-family buildings. Thank you.	
6	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you very much, Ms.	
7	Witt.	
8	Sandra Prester?	
9	(No response.)	
10	CHAIRMAN KANE: Yasmin Romeo, is it?	
11	(No response.)	
12	CHAIRMAN KANE: David Brosch?	
13	MR. BROSCH: Good evening.	
14	CHAIRMAN KANE: Good evening.	
15	MR. BROSCH: Madam Chairman and members	
16	of the Commission, thank you for the opportunity	
17	of testifying before you tonight. I want to speak	
18	primarily to the public interest factor number 7	
19	on environmental quality.	
20	My name is David Brosch and I'm a PEPCO	
21	customer who has, since 2008, been working with my	
22	neighbors and friends to build community solar	

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1	l projects that give Washington area residents a	
2	2 distributed energy generation option that they	
3	3 have not previously had.	
4	We have chosen to do this because most	
5	of us live in homes with poor solar access or	
6	orientation or because we are renters. We have	
7	' identified other properties that are good for	
8	solar sites, and have installed or are in the	
9	process of installing solar systems on churches, a	
10	restaurant, and an urban farm, utilizing net	
11	metering laws. We are among the 90 percent of	
12	Americans who support solar energy, and also part	
13	of the 75 percent of the American public who are	
14	unable to solarize their residences.	
15	I am opposed to the merger of PEPCO and	
16	Exelon, and in the strongest terms urge you to	
17	reject their proposal. I ask you to do this for	
18	several reasons.	
19	Even though both utilities claim to be	
20	supportive of energy efficiency and renewable	
21	energy, their actions prove otherwise. Exelon in	
22	particular is a utility with major generating	

166 facilities, including many nuclear power plants, 1 and have opposed renewables, net metering, and 2 virtual net metering. 3 These threaten its business model, which 4 places stockholders' interests before the 5 customers' and profits, and expands production 6 before the environment, energy conservation, and 7 renewable energy. For the last three years, BG&E, 8 Constellation, and Exelon have opposed efforts in 9 Maryland to pass virtual net metering legislation, 10 which would give residents greater opportunities 11 to go solar or allow community investor wind 12 13 projects. I am here tonight too for very personal 14 15 reasons. They are my three children and a brand-16 new grandson. His name is Connor. And I just 17 wanted to show you quickly. 18 (Shows picture.) 19 MR. BROSCH: This is Connor, and he's 20 four months old. I'm proud. What I'm worried about, though, is that 21 he could live to the end of this century and may 22

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1	see the new century come in. And I'm worried	
2	about the life he may have when most of us in this	
3	room are already gone. Not a week goes by without	
4	news from yet another study detailing human	
5	activities that are changing the planet's	
6	environmental in fundamental ways. These now pose	
7	serious threats to all of us if we don't make	
8	changes to the way we live, the way we use	
9	resources, and the way we generate, conserve, and	
10	. consume energy.	
11	I'd like to cite briefly a Washington	
12	Post article run just last Saturday on the front	
13	page titled, "Hot in Everywhere: 2014 Breaks All	
14	Records." In this article is described new data	
15	developed by NOAA and NASA scientists that support	
16	earlier studies that warming of our environment	
17	can be directly attributed to a 40 percent rise in	
18	greenhouse gases in the environment since the	
19	beginning of the industrial revolution.	
20	I see this as a call to action and a	
21	reason to reject Exelon's merger proposal and its	
22	19th and 20th century utility model, typified by	

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1	large, centralized coal and nuclear plants that	168
2	are the backbone of its electric generating	
3	business.	
4	Exelon and its shareholders have	
5	absolutely no interest or incentive in moving to	
6	renewables or promoting energy conservation. We	ч. Т
7	do not need a utility fully committed to nuclear	
8	power technology, either, or its proponents, who	2
9	after 70 years are still searching for a safe way	
10	to store its accumulating reactive waste by-	
11	products.	
12	Instead, what Washington, D.C. needs is	
13	PEPCO as a 21st century power utility that	
14	aggressively reduces demand through a plethora of	
15	energy conservation and energy efficiency	
16	programs, and it works with residents and local	
17	businesses to supply a substantial portion of the	
18	city's power demand through distributed renewable	
19	energy.	
20	Each of us live our daily lives making	
21	decisions and taking action, some small and	
22	personal that can affect our environment. An	

169 example of a small decision might be to walk when 1 we can rather than drive our car. Sometimes we are 2 faced with making choices that can have 3 significant consequences. 4 5 You have such a choice before you today with Case 1119. 6 7 CHAIRMAN KANE: Yes. Mr. Brosch, could you wind up? You're a little bit over time. 8 9 MR. BROSCH: Sure. In closing, I would ask you to reject Exelon's bid to become a utility 10 monopoly in the District and Maryland and reject 11 their offer to give small, one-time benefits to 12 13 PEPCO customers or allottee payments. These are really very tiny and have minimal and short-term 14 15 impacts. 16 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you. 17 Isabelle Ricker? 18 (No response.) 19 CHAIRMAN KANE: Arnold Williams? 20 MR. A. WILLIAMS: Good evening. I'm Arnold Williams, the managing director of Abrams, 21 Foster, Nole & Williams, a CPA firm with our main 22

170 office in Maryland, and for many years, until 1 recently, an office located at 650 Pennsylvania 2 3 Avenue S.E. Our firm provides services to a number 4 5 of a small and minority entities and businesses in Maryland, D.C., and Virginia. I sit on a number 6 of economic development boards, including the 7 President's Roundtable, the Greater Baltimore 8 Committee, and the BDC, which I chair. 9 10 It is in those environments and roles that I have observed Exelon before and after their 11 12 merger with Constellation Energy, and it is why I 13 come forth tonight in support of the Exelon/PEPCO 14 merger. 15 Before the approval of the Exelon/ 16 Constellation Energy merger, we witnessed many 17 Exelon promises and commitments to engage support 18 and increase the utilization of minority- and women-owned business enterprises and providing 19 20 services and supplies to the merged units. 21 Exelon has kept their word and have provided many procurement opportunities to many 22

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1	local companies never afforded such an opportunity	1
2	or relationship prior to the Exelon arrival in	
3	this area. It has been evident that Exelon and	
4	its leadership believes in the importance of	
5	minority- and women-owned businesses in this	
6	region, and that they consider it critical to the	
7	economic viability within the region. It is for	
8	these reasons I support the merger of Exelon and	
9	PEPCO.	
10	Exelon and its subsidiary Baltimore Gas	
11	& Electric's popularity and success was recently	
12	recognized in local trade associations' Bridging	
13	the Gap ceremony, where Exelon and BG&E were	
14	presented the majority- owned business award for	
15	demonstrating inclusive business practice because	
16	of nurturing diversity and inclusion in every	
17	aspect of its business.	
18	Exelon's numerous initiatives include	
19	strategic partnerships with local diversity-	
20	certified partners, including a Focus 25 supplier	
21	development program launched in 2013 to grow the	
22	capacity of local minority-owned businesses by	

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172 helping them to successfully compete for 1 2 contracts. 3 In 2013 BG&E spent \$151 million with diverse suppliers, representing a 132 percent 4 increase over the previous five years. At the 5 same Bridging the Gap program, BG&E won, in 6 conjunction with SRB Communications, one of its 7 Focus 25 participants, a Successful Partnership in 8 9 Strategic Partnership award. 10 In essence, it has been our witness of their strong commitment, not only for businesses 11 but also for community commitment. And in this 12 light, they also won a recent award for their 13 14 participation with United Way of Central Maryland in volunteering more than 5,000 hours to nonprofit 15 organizations through the region. Again, for 16 17 these reasons, we support the merger. Thank you. 18 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Williams. 19 Nina Dodge? 20 MS. DODGE: Good evening, all. 21 CHAIRMAN KANE: Good evening. 22 MS. DODGE: I'm Nina Dodge of D.C.

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	1	Climate Action, advocating for clean, affordable,	1/5
	2	efficient, and reliable energy District-wide. And	
	3	as previously testified, I and we oppose the	
	4	merger for reasons that my colleagues have	
	5	outlined and many here have as well.	
	6	And this is to follow up on the	
	7	testimony I presented at the last hearing last	
	8	week on January 12th. In that testimony I raised	
	9	the issue of the broad misrepresentation in the	
	10	public record of the Commission of filings related	
	11	to written testimony in the first two public	
	12	hearings in this case, as docketed as of January	
	13	12th, last week.	
	14	This mostly involved the	
	15	mischaracterization of the views of opponents to	
	16	the merger by Commission filings between December	
	17	17, 2014 and January 9, 2015. Approximately 75	
-	18	percent of the parties that submitted written	
-	19	testimony opposing the merger in that period were	
2	20	misrepresented, and then one supporter.	
2	21	And today I want to thank you,	
2	22	Commissioners and staff, for addressing the	

1	docketing flaws in this case in the week since the
2	last hearing in an aggressive and quick way. This
3	has involved a lot of fast work on the part of an
4	already stretched Commission staff, and it's much
5	appreciated.
6	Indeed, important improvements have been
7	made, and those have been described by Chairman
8	Kane in the beginning of this hearing. I've gone
9	back over the docket to its beginning in the past
10	few days, including today, and a lot of activity
11	was in that docket today, and I don't pretend to
12	have been able to keep up, but I'll get there in
13	the next few days.
14	There are problems that remain, and
15	mostly the Commission's practice of filing
16	formally into the public record acknowledgments of
17	receipt of already-filed documents has been the
18	source of most of the docketing problems of the
19	public's input. And it remains a problem.
20	In the docket, these receipts are termed
21	you know this, but just so people know in
22	the docket, these receipts are termed "Letter

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1	response" under the Filing Type column. Under the	-
2	Description column, the language now used reads,	
3	"Commission staff's acknowledgment regarding the	
4	submission of comments in FC 1119."	
5	There is no distinction and this is	
6	an improvement there is no distinction made	
7	between written testimony and comments in that	
8	language and the relative weight given to each.	
9	The docket as it now stands, the new,	
10	improved system the docket does not reference	
11	either the name of the party who is filing these	
12	letters of receipt sorry, who's filing it's	
13	late. The docket does not reference either the	
14	name of the party whose filing these receipts are	
15	acknowledging or their item number.	
16	Indeed, these receipts have their own	
17	item number. You have to go into the linked	
18	receipt file itself to figure out what docket item	
19	or document party it refers to. And this makes	
20	navigating the public submissions to the docket a	
21	nightmare, even for those few of us closely	
22	attuned to the system outside of the Commission.	

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1	Once you get into the actual linked	
2	receipt documents, the language of these letters	
3	still contains numerous errors that	
4	mischaracterize the position of the filer on the	
5	merger, so the substance. And I can understand	
6	why you haven't been able to get to that level	
7	yet, but I just want to point out that it's still	
8	there. So inconsistencies and errors in these	
9	receipts have not been fully corrected since I	
10	commented on them last.	
11	In conclusion, why this practice of	
12	filing receipts? Until November, such receipt	
13	filings were not part of the FC 1119 docket.	
14	Indeed, the first Commission staff letter	
15	responses to the public submissions began before	
16	the hearing process on November 14, 2014.	
17	It started with letters to two	
18	organizations supporting the merger, and these	
19	organizations that have local PEPCO executives on	
20	their boards, namely the organizations are the	
21	Greater Washington Urban League and the D.C.	
22	Building Industry Associations. These original	

177 receipt letters are Items Nos. 172 and 173 -- I 1 can provide that -- referencing comments of 2 support that these two organizations had recently 3 filed. 4 5 The subsequent docketing of acknowledgments this fall and winter was 6 7 implemented badly and led to a serious misrepresentation, as discussed. 8 Also, the practice was inconsistent. More supporters were 9 10 acknowledged than opponents, thus giving extra weight to merger supporters in the docket. 11 And again, I know that that's been addressed in your 12 13 new system. 14 CHAIRMAN KANE: Yes. Thank you. Can 15 you wind up? 16 MS. DODGE: But we recommend -- this is my conclusion -- that the Commission stop this 17 practice of official filing of receipts for 18 documents filed already. The filed public 19 testimonies and comments speak for themselves. 20 Their acknowledgment adds no new information. It 21 simply clutters the docket, rendering opaque and 22

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	service of the public. It	
2	and aready overroaded starr	
3	and Commissioners, and increases the possibility	
4	of errors and abuse. Thank you.	
5	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Ms. Dodge.	
6	I do want to publicly thank our staff.	
7	They worked over the weekend and over the holiday	
8	working on that to get this docket done.	
9	(Applause)	
10	CHAIRMAN KANE: It is our practice to	
11	not only make public all communications we	
12	receive, but anything that we send out to people	
13	also, so we have a full record.	
14	I have Michael Nix is next?	
15	MS. RICKER: You called my name, and I	
16	had stepped out because I was	
17	CHAIRMAN KANE: Oh, okay. Well, come up	
18	after Mr. Nix. Okay? And then tell me what your	
19	name is.	
20	MR. NIX: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam	
21	Chair, Commissioners, PSC staff, I'm Michael Nix,	
22	and I'm speaking today before you as a 30-year	

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1	citizen of D.C. with over 20 years of energy and	
2	environmental lobbying and consulting experience.	
3	I've worked in all sectors of the energy	
4	field, with a long-time focus on downstream or	
5	consumer issues. These days, I'm focusing on	
6	sustainability and green building matters.	
7	As to the Exelon/PHI proposed merger,	
8	I've worked in coalitions in opposition to bought	
9	companies on federal legislative issues. This was	
10	wholesale markets about 20 years ago. And I've	
11	worked with both companies in distributed	
12	generation coalitions. That was ComEd and PECO	
13	before they merged, and PEPCO on its own. And	
14	I've worked with them as member companies of PJM	
15	Interconnection, where I worked from 2008 to 2010.	
16	I have a great deal of respect for both	
17	companies. As to Exelon, they've become the	
18	largest operator of nuclear plants in the country,	
19	and their operation of these facilities has	
20	greatly improved in the last 15 to 20 years.	
21	As you well know with PEPCO, they've	
22	divested their generation, and now do a good job	

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1	of providing distribution services to customers in	-
2	the District. I live in Dupont Circle, and my	
3	power has been out two times in 30 years, and both	
4	times were the results of major natural events.	
5	In reviewing the merger application	
6	before the Commission, however, I'd like to see a	
7	greater commitment and effort from the combined	
8	companies to renewable energy, specifically	
9	rooftop solar, as well as continued improvement in	
10	energy efficiency and conservation expenditures	
11	and implementation.	
12	In comparison with the	
13	Exelon/Constellation merger, the numbers for D.C.	
14	consumers are less generous. In terms of	
15	immediate financial relief to D.C. customers, the	
16	proposal is offering, as we've heard earlier, \$50	
17	per customer, as opposed to \$100 per customer in	
18	the Constellation deal. As to the customer	
19	investment fund, the merger proposal again has	
20	smaller numbers, \$50 per customer versus 100 in	
21	the Constellation process.	
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22	Furthermore, this current proposal	

1	before you is not offering any financial	18
2	assistance in terms of renewable R&D to the	
3	District such as the \$30 million that went to	
4	Maryland for offshore wind or the \$2 million to a	
5	Maryland higher education center for wind R&D.	
6	In addition, while PEPCO has put a great	
7	deal of effort into enhancing reliability and	
8	maintaining our electric services, this commitment	
9	to reliability and service restoration needs to be	
10	maintained, if not strengthened, if the companies	
11	are to merger.	
12	In conclusion, Madam Chair,	
13	Commissioners, in terms of both conservation of	
14	natural resources and preservation of	
15	environmental quality, and secondly, reliability	
16	of services, two of the seven DCPSC established	
17	factors to examine the merger, the Exelon/PHI	
18	proposal could be improved.	
19	Thank you very much for your time.	
20	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you very much, Mr.	
21	Nix.	
22	Isabel Ricker?	

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1	MS. RICKER: Thank you so much. Good
2	evening. My name is Isabel Ricker, and I'm a
3	climate and energy planner for the region and the
4	public engagement manager for the Clean Energy
5	Leadership Institute, or CELI.
6	My experience with these organizations
7	of course influences my opinion on the proposed
8	merger and my concerns with it. But I'm here
9	tonight in my personal capacity as a resident of
10	Ward 1 I live in Columbia Heights and not
11	representing any organization.
12	I'm here because I'm greatly concerned
13	about the impact the merger would have on the
14	local clean energy industry and jobs. There are a
15	lot of things about Exelon and their business
16	practices that I have problems with, but I know
17	the Commission has heard these concerns from many
18	other people and in written testimony and case
19	filings.
20	As a young person starting my career in
21	clean energy, the District's policy commitments to
22	addressing climate change and distributed energy

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1	were seen a cremendous boom for my career and were	
2	e key elements of my decision to move to and stay in	
(*)	3 the District. They are also critical to the	
4	existence of the Clean Energy Leadership	
5	Institute, which I work for.	
6	CELI is a D.Cbased 501(c)(3) that runs	
7	a free semester-long training program for young	
8	professionals in clean energy. A program like	
9	this and the community of both young professionals	
10	and experts that we've built to support it cannot	
11	exist in a vacuum.	
12	We wouldn't exist sorry, I have a	
13	cold we wouldn't exist without D.C.'s	
14	leadership in clean energy as well as the vibrant	
15	renewable energy industry that has grown up as a	
16	result of both policy and utility support.	
17	I am concerned that Exelon would change	
18	this. Their massive lobbying spending against the	
19	production tax credit for wind is well-known, as	
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22	renewable energy, environmental, and public health	
21	well as their support for groups like ALEC that are vocal opponents of climate mitigation and	

184 1 protections. 2 I know the Commission has heard arguments about all of these issues, about 3 Exelon's troubled nuclear plants in Illinois and 4 New York, and the potential for a newly 5 consolidated transmission ownership to give Exelon 6 outsized leverage over PJM transmission decisions. 7 8 I am very concerned about all of those issues, and I'm concerned that Exelon's ownership 9 might cause careers like mine to dry up. 10 I am concerned that the progress the District has made 11 toward equal energy access, for example, through 12 the Community Renewable Energy Act, would be put 13 14 on hold or reversed. Through CELI, I know over 100 young 15 professionals committed to careers in clean energy 16 who want to call D.C. home, and I know many of 17 them have the same concerns. Sorry. This is 18 19 ridiculous. 20 So here's my last point. For the sake of thousands of young careers like mine, the 21 merger should not be approved, or should come with 22

some serious conditions ensuring the continuation 1 and expansion of renewable distributed clean 2 energy policies and deployment within the 3 4 District. 5 The District has a really important decision to make with this merger, and I urge the 6 Commission to think not only about the financial 7 impacts, the reliability impacts, the 8 environmental impacts, but how this will shape the 9 future of D.C.'s clean energy industry and the 10 lives of the people that work in it. Thank you. 11 12 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Ricker, for staying so late. You go home and 13 14 take care of that cold. 15 MS. RICKER: Will do 16 CHAIRMAN KANE: All right. 17 Kevin Kay? 18 (No response.) 19 CHAIRMAN KANE: This looks like T. C- e-20 i? 21 (No response.) 22 CHAIRMAN KANE: Jesse Lovell?

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1	(No response.)	TOO
2	CHAIRMAN KANE: Elizabeth Koprowski? Oh,	
3	Jesse Lovell? Okay. Come up.	
4	MR. LOVELL: Thank you. Good evening.	
5	My name is Jesse Lovell. I'm a resident of Forest	
6	Hills in Ward 3. I'm here to express my concerns	
7	about this proposed takeover of a major local	
8	power company by a national corporation with few	
9	if any real ties to the D.C. area.	
10	In short, why should D.C.'s	
11	representatives signal their support for a	
12	proposal that offers little more than a payout to	
13	PEPCO stock owners and promises to perhaps	
14	maintain the status quo relationships under PEPCO?	
15	We've been given no real reason to endorse this	
16	action, and I therefore encourage the Commission	
17	to reject this merger.	
18	My second objection to Exelon's proposal	
19	is that the residents of Washington, D.C. and	
20	their representatives have duty to promote locally	
21	produced, sustainable energy for the D.C. market	
22	as much as possible. While I understand that	

achieving such a goal takes time and that various 1 2 compromises may be made along the road to achieving our energy goals, the acceptance of an 3 offer such as this one would be essentially 4 5 capitulation. It would be that much more a 6 capitulation, I believe, to accept a proposal with 7 essentially no strings attached, which would allow 8 Exelon to simply raise prices for consumers as 9 they see fit at some point in the future -- when, 10 perhaps, for some reason that might have nothing 11 12 to do with the cost of doing business in our own region, but instead costs incurred in another part 13 14 of the country entirely. 15 This leads to my third and final 16 objection, basic economics. That seems to be driving Exelon's proposal. Exelon is one of the 17 very largest energy companies in America, and it 18 is itself the product of numerous mergers during 19 20 the past decade. 21 Based on the sources of energy of the plants it owns, Exelon is more heavily nuclear 22

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	1 than anything else, and through its sheer size,	
:	2 Exelon has acquired larger and larger holdings of	
	3 other energy companies until it very nearly	
6	4 achieved the status of "largest utility in the	
ŗ	5 United States," narrowly avoiding such an outcome	
(6 thanks to public interest pressure in New Jersey.	
	7 Yet in such an economy as ours where	
5	8 total assets frequently count as much or even more	
ç	9 than profits, Exelon has since achieved more	
10	0 acquisitions. President Teddy Roosevelt warned us	
11	1 more than century ago about the dangers of	
12	2 unregulated trusts, and then acted to bust those	
13	3 trusts.	
14	I think what we're asking for is	
15	something much more modest. Don't enable trusts.	
16	5 Increasing profits is Exelon's priority, which is	
17	understandable. But there's no reason it needs to	
18	be ours as well. Thank you.	
19	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. Lovell.	
20	Elizabeth Koprowski?	
21	MS. KOPROWSKI: Good evening, honorable	
22	Commissioners. My name is Elizabeth Koprowski,	

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1	and I'm a resident of Ward 1. I'm a 12-year	105
2	resident of the District, and I'm testifying this	
3	evening in opposition to this merger as a	
4	concerned citizen.	
5	D.C. has made impressive advancement in	
6	moving toward greater reliance on renewable energy	
7	sources and improved efficiency within the past 10	
8	years. We've advanced a renewable energy	
9	portfolio standard, a renewable energy incentive	
10	program, and a sustainable energy utility, among	
11	other initiatives.	
12	The sustainability plan developed under	
13	our former mayor with local stakeholder input sets	
14	a goal of increasing the use of renewable energy	
15	to make up 50 percent of the District's energy	
16	supply, and cutting city- wide energy use by 50	
17	percent by 2032.	
18	These initiatives reflect the will of	
19	D.C. residents and the grassroots organizations	
20	that represent our views. These goals are	
21	important to D.C. residents as informed citizens	
22	who understand the importance of transitioning	

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1	away from a dependence on fossil fuels and	190
2	nuclear, and as individuals who fear the impacts	
3	that global climate change will have on our	
4	country, on people's health and well-being, and on	
5	the viability of communities around the world.	
6	Exelon has demonstrated hostility toward	
7	these goals. If Exelon buys PEPCO, it will	
8	reverse the District's progress in local renewable	
9	energy and energy efficiency and undermine our	
10	commitments to cleaner, safer, more efficient, and	
11	more reliable power.	
12	Exelon represents going backwards on	
13	renewables and efficiency. The company has a	
14	history of fighting against renewable energy and	
15	efficiency at the state and national level. In	
16	states like Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland,	
17	Illinois, and Ohio, Exelon has worked with right-	
18	wing groups like ALEC, the American Legislative	
19	Exchange Council, to defeat renewable energy	
20	initiatives supported by local stakeholders. In	
21	fact, Exelon is one of the major opponents of the	
22	federal production tax credit for wind power,	

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1	working with Koch brothers-affiliated groups to	TOT
2	kill it.	
3	Local control is important to those of	
4	us who care about D.C. and want to be proud of our	
5	city, to enact our energy vision in D.C. and	
6	choose a more sustainable future for our city, our	
7	country and our world. Our power sources and	
8	renewables initiatives should be based on what	
9	District residents choose, not what's best for	
10	Exelon's stakeholders.	
11	Thank you for the opportunity to	
12	testify.	
13	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Ms.	
14	Koprowski.	
15	Brenna Muller?	
16	MS. MULLER: Good evening. My name is	
17	Brenna Muller, and I'm here to represent the D.C.	
18	Chapter of the Sierra Club. The D.C. Sierra Club	
19	comprises more than 3600 members and supporters in	
20	D.C. and has worked to protect and improve the	
21	environment in the District for over three	
22	decades.	

1 The D.C. Sierra Club strongly opposes the proposed acquisition of PEPCO by Exelon as we 2 believe this merger is not in the public interest 3 and would have detrimental environmental 4 5 consequences. 6 One public interest factor to be considered is how well the merger will conserve 7 natural resources and protect environmental 8 quality. This is stipulated in a provision of 9 D.C.'s 2008 Clean and Affordable Energy Act, CAEA, 10 requiring the DCPSC and Office of the People's 11 Counsel to incorporate these factors into their 12 consideration of the public interest in subsequent 13 14 decisions. 15 By protection of environmental quality, we understand this to, at a minimum, help mitigate 16 the risks from climate change. Climate change 17 presents an imminent danger to our civilization, 18 with possibly no prospect of reversal within the 19 scale of human history once unleashed. Risks are 20 considered by scientists to be both highly likely 21 22 as well as highly hazardous.

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1	D.C. has adopted energy policies to	
2	advance the public's interest in environmental	
3	quality, and in particular address both the causes	
4	of and solutions for climate change. The D.C.	
5	Council set objectives for renewable power in the	
6	D.C. renewable portfolio standard, and CAEA	
7	provides for a public sector response to global	
8	warming with programs to promote energy efficiency	
9	and renewable power.	
10	The objective in all cases is to reduce	
11	demand for energy from fossil fuels, which	
12	provides approximately two-thirds of the	
13	District's electric power. Sustainable D.C. and	
14	executive initiatives set forth energy goals of 50	
15	percent renewable power and 50 percent improved	
16	efficiency in electric power use by 2032. So D.C.	
17	has a well-defined public policy to conserve	
18	natural resources and protect environmental	
19	quality.	
20	So a question before the PSC is, does	
21	the buyout of PEPCO by Exelon improve conservation	
22	of natural resources and the prevention of	

194 greenhouse gas pollution with consequence global 1 warming through energy conservation and use of 2 renewable energy. 3 4 The D.C. Chapter of the Sierra Club asserts that these conditions have not been 5 demonstrated. The behavior of Exelon and its 6 affiliates demonstrates that they view renewable 7 power and efficiency as a threat to their core 8 business of selecting electricity. This 9 establishes a clear conflict of interest between 10 the prevailing Exelon business model and that of 11 PEPCO. 12 13 In contrast, PEPCO operates with very 14 little incentive to sell electricity and has been a collaborator in developing D.C. sustainable 15 energy utility efficiency programs. 16 17 Sierra Club D.C. believes that the 18 Exelon corporate ownership will blunt PEPCO's commitment to the improvement of the D.C. grid for 19 energy efficiency optimization and adoption of 20 21 renewable power. 22 The proposed buyout should specify how

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1	the resulting new business plan will perform in	
2	accordance with D.C. energy policy objectives as	
3	they define the public interest for this	
4	evaluative factor.	
5	There is therefore a demonstrated need	
6	for the approval of any takeover of PEPCO to	
7	establish performance measures that will result in	
8	compliance with the District's energy goals,	
9	recognizing that the utility plays an important	
10	role but is not the sole determinant of success in	
11	meeting D.C.'s energy goals, and moreover its	
12	optimal role is presently ill-defined.	
13	The performance metrics must rely in	
14	part on process and not solely on end result.	
15	Success in meeting D.C.'s energy goals is partly	
16	contingent on successful implementation of smart	
17	grid technology by the electric distribution	
18	utility to enable full use of smart meters and	
19	grid design responsive to optimal integration of	
20	distributed solar power.	
21	Therefore, the planning and execution of	
22	smart grid needs to be incorporated into any	

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	1	approval of a takeover so D.C. policy on renewable	
	2	energy and conservation is fully reflected.	
	3	The smart grid strategy and investment	
	4	plan should include a comprehensive	
	5	characterization of the present and likely future	
	6	technology, and serve as options for incorporation	
	7	of cleaner, more reliable, and affordable	
	8	electricity services for people and the businesses	
	9	served by PEPCO.	
	10	In conclusion, the D.C. Chapter of the	
	11	Sierra Club strongly urges the PSC to reject the	
	12	merger of PEPCO by Exelon. Thank you for your	
	13	time.	
	14	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you.	
	15	Michael Ewall?	
	16	(No response.)	
	17	CHAIRMAN KANE: Andrea Vincent? Oh,	
	18	Michael Ewell. There you are.	
	19	MR. EWALL: It's Ewall.	
-	20	CHAIRMAN KANE: Ewall.	
14	21	MR. EWALL: Yes. Five minutes for a	
2	22	group. So my name is Mike Ewall. I'm the founder	

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1	and director of Energy Justice Network. We're a	
2	national organization. I live in Ward 6 in	
3	Southwest. I've already testified at the first	
4	and third hearing, so we recognize each other by	
5	now. That's great.	
6	So I just wanted to build on some of my	
7	testimony from last week. I had pointed out,	
8	after looking at things last week, that Exelon has	
9	81 percent of their power coming from nuclear	
10	power, and that 15 of the 23 nuclear reactors that	
11	they have are listed as being at risk for early	
12	closure.	
13	I have looked into this further and	
14	found that five of those because of compounded	
15	reasons why they're listed as at risk for early	
16	closure, five of them are listed as "facing	
17	particularly intense challenges," as the report	
18	put it.	
19	One of those is actually slated to close	
20	in 2019. That's the Oyster Creek reactor in New	
21	Jersey. And that's 10 years before it would	
22	normally be closed down, so the fact that these	

198 are being forecast to retire early is actually 1 2 coming true already. 3 Now, the decommissioning costs associated with this are what I want to focus more 4 on tonight. I looked it up and found that the 5 Nuclear Regulatory Commission believes that it 6 costs 300- to \$400 million to decommission one 7 unit of a nuclear reactor. They're notorious 8 cheerleaders for the industry, so it won't be a 9 surprise when I point out that this is the lowest 10 figure I'm about to give you. 11 12 The Union of Concerned Scientists as well as the Nuclear Energy Institute, on very 13 opposite sides of this issue, both agree that 14 15 decommissioning a single reactor costs at \$500 16 million. 17 The real examples, though, when you look 18 into the actual track record of what's been happening in recent years, you see one of them, 19 20 Yankee Rowe reactor in Massachusetts, came in at about \$600 million. Another one that is an Exelon 21 reactor that was closed in Illinois, the Zion 22

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1	reactor, ended up being \$1 billion to	τυυ
2	decommission.	
3	Another one in Haddam Neck, the Haddam	
4	Neck facility in Connecticut, in '96 they closed	
5	that one and they thought it was going to be \$719	
6	million; it ballooned to \$1.2 billion. And	
7	another one that closed very recently, just a few	
8	months ago, the Vermont Yankee nuclear reactor in	
9	Vermont, also \$1.2 billion. Another one of the	
10	most recent ones, San Onofre in California, which	
11	is a two-unit reactor, came in at a price tag of	
12	\$4.4 billion.	
13	So I would like to ask the Commission to	
14	look at the actual costs of decommissioning and	
15	factor that in, given how many at-risk reactors	
16	that we're looking at Exelon having to close and	
17	the costs of replacement power and the reliability	
18	aspects of this, and factor this into the	
19	reliability analysis and to the analysis of what	
20	this could cost D.C. ratepayers.	
21	Now, one other thing I looked into in	
22	terms of the economics of this. I went to the	

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	and onde one Bhergy information	
2	Administration has on how much it actually costs	
3	for residential ratepayers by utility around the	
4	country. The latest data they have on the website	
5	as of today is 2012, and I found that Exelon owns	
6	three utilities that are listed in this data.	
7	Commonwealth Edison in Illinois is only	
8	1 percent higher than PEPCO's rates, but we	
9	understand they're trying to increase the rates	
10	there so it may already be higher than that	
11	difference. Baltimore Gas & Electric, though, is	
12	8 percent higher residential rate.	
13	And PECO, in the Philadelphia area, is	
14	25 percent higher, the electric rates that	
15	residential consumers are being charged. And this	
16	is before we would see the increased costs	
17	associated with any decommissioning of reactors in	
18	coming years.	
19	So on a financial ratepayer basis alone,	
20	I think this ought to be denied. So I'll just add	
21	that as further weight to my objection to this	
22	merger. Thank you.	

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1	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you.	
2	Andrea Vincent?	
3	MS. VINCENT: Good evening. My name is	
4	Andrea Vincent. I'm a public school teacher, and	
5	I've lived in the Brookland neighborhood of Ward 5	
6	for over 20 years. I'm not normally aware of	
7	energy policy or what's happening in the District	
8	around these issues, but I was recently informed	
9	of the merger by a friend and felt that it was	
10	important enough to stay here till these wee hours	
11	to give my testimony.	
12	I'm not sure I have anything all that	
13	new to say, but I will say that I think I do	
14	represent average consumers, who probably would	
15	not be in favor of this merger if they knew about	
16	it or were better informed about it or if they	
17	could have the time to be here tonight.	
18	I'm primarily opposed to this merger	
19	because I believe that it will burden consumers	
20	with higher rates. D.C. has become an	
21	increasingly costly city for people like me. It's	
22	extremely difficult for a teacher who is a head of	

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]	1 household to contemplate retirement here. So I'm	
2	2 very worried that Exelon will cause rates to go up	
3	3 because there will be a lack of competition.	
4	I don't want to be forced into higher	
5	5 rates or support their extensive involvement in	
6	5 nuclear energy, circumstances currently facing	
7	7 Exelon's customers in New York State and Chicago.	
8	B As someone who must retire on a teacher's pension,	
9	I'm extremely worried about doing business with a	
10	company whose increasing size and power allows it	
11	to ignore consumers.	
12	As someone concerned with the future of	
13	our planet, I'm adamantly opposed to a merger that	
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17	And I have to say that as somebody who's	
18	not usually at these hearings, I've been dismayed	
19	to find lots of nonprofit organizations who do	
20	good work with minority and at-risk youth and low-	
21	income youth supporting this merger because they	
22	belong to agencies that receive money from PEPCO	

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1	and potentially Exelon.	200
2	I think that if something is injurious	
3	to consumers in D.C., that these Band-Aids of aid	
4	and promise of minority involvement can't really	
5	help a merger that I think would harm consumers.	
6	Thank you.	
7	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you.	
8	Janice Vieira?	
9	(No response.)	
10	CHAIRMAN KANE: Robert Clement oh,	
11	there you are. Thank you.	
12	MS. VIEIRA: Thank you so much. I	
13	thought my time would never come. Thank you.	
14	My name is Janice Vieira, president and	
15	CEO of JDos InternationalInc., a woman- owned	
16	program, project, and construction management	
17	company located in the District of Columbia. I've	
18	been a resident of Washington, D.C. for 45 years	
19	now, and I care deeply about our community.	
20	And I wholeheartedly support the merger	
21	of Exelon and PEPCO because it includes	
22	protections for the environment. They are	

204 concerned for residents in the community whom they 1 2 serve. 3 PEPCO's excellence is demonstrated by their emergency response to power outages, 4 streamlining infrastructure that has already 5 reduced outages by over 40 percent over the last 6 7 five years, their communications, and customer service. We will continue to benefit from the 8 dependable utility that has served our region for 9 more than a century. However, I am encouraged 10 11 that it will now be strengthened with the 12 resources of a larger entity behind it. 13 Exelon is the nation's leading competitive energy provider. Its portfolio of 14 companies participates in every stage of energy 15 business, from generation to power sales to 16 transmission and delivery, and include electric 17 and gas utilities in Maryland, Pennsylvania, as 18 19 well as Illinois. 20 Exelon has made an important and welcome commitment to the D.C. community by promising to 21 build up PEPCO's strong history of philanthropy 22

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1	and to support local organizations, as you have	200
2	heard they already do, and initiatives by	
3	exceeding previous support levels. They have	
4	promised significant improvements to service	
5	reliability that PEPCO has already achieved for	
6	customers.	
7	Headquartered in Washington, D.C. with	
8	the utility headquarters also in Delaware and New	
9	Jersey, PEPCO Holdings is one of the largest	
10	energy delivery companies in the Mid- Atlantic,	
11	serving customers in the District of Columbia, New	
12	Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland through its	
13	subsidiaries.	
14	Exelon will bring together three top-	
15	performance electric and gas utilities to comb	
16	with PEPCO Holdings to create one of the largest	
17	Mid-Atlantic electric and gas utilities from which	
18	we will benefit.	
19	The combination brings together Exelon's	
20	electric and gas utilities, BG&E, ComEd, and	
21	PEPCO, and PHI's electric and gas utilities,	
22	PEPCO, Delmarva Power, and Atlantic Electric. The	

206 combined utility business will serve approximately 1 10 million customers. 2 The current Exelon utilities and PHI 3 share a similar vision and are strong supporters 4 of their local communities they serve. Exelon and 5 PHI combination provides customer residents with 6 multiple benefits for the environment, consumer, 7 8 and the community. 9 Exelon has a longstanding commitment to 10 increasing the supply of clean energy and eliminating the equivalent of carbon emissions. 11 They believe that providing cleaner energy today 12 13 will create a more sustainable tomorrow. By challenging themselves to constantly pursue 14 15 progress, they maximize their own potential. Exelon believes that diverse teams drive 16 innovation and that they are empowered by our 17 differences. They succeed as an inclusive team. 18 They compete to give their customers greater 19 choice and value and drive innovations that help 20 businesses function more effectively and help 21 22 people live better.

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	1	They have the insight to seize the	207
	2	opportunities of today while maintaining the focus	
	3	and long-term view to tackle challenges of	
	4	tomorrow. They are driven to excel. I believe	
	5	that Exelon will provide critical support and	
	6	needed opportunities to our businesses and	
	7	community, and I, along with many other	
	8	businesses, support the merger. Thank you.	
	9	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Ms. Vieira.	
	10	Robert Clement Jones?	
	11	(No response.)	
	12	CHAIRMAN KANE: G. Lee Aiken?	
	13	MS. AIKEN: I originally wrote down that	
	14	I was for self because I saw other members of my	
	15	group, the D.C. Statehood Green Party, here. But	
	16	they said they would like me to speak on behalf of	
	17	the group, so I can have	
	18	CHAIRMAN KANE: Okay.	
	19	MS. AIKEN: Good. Thank you. First I	
	20	would like to thank you for hearing our concerns	
	21	regarding this sale. You will be receiving a lot	
2	22	of valuable technical and professional testimony	

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1	from experts like Anya Schoolman and Scott	
2	Hempling. So I will focus my testimony elsewhere.	
3	My main concerns are safety, and	
4	especially how this ownership change would affect	
5	our environmental future. After about five years	
6	of effort, we finally have PEPCO working with the	
7	community to effectively distribute and bill for	
8	solar energy. We hope that within one or two	
9	decades, local solar can provide as much as 20	
10	percent of our electrical energy, especially in	
11	hot sunny weather when it would reduce stress on	
12	the larger grid.	
13	Since Exelon mainly produces nuclear,	
14	they have no incentive to aid solar. And even if	
15	protections for solar were written into	
16	agreements, we need to examine how well they have	
17	kept past promises.	
18	One estimate spoke of 900 jobs because	
19	of this merger. We have over 800 new jobs with	
20	only 2-1/2 percent growth in solar. Imagine how	
21	many with 20 percent growth.	
22	Regarding safety, I was surprised to see	

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that Exelon owns Three Mile Island. 1 I will never forget the frightening week in March 1979 when we 2 3 feared there would be a major meltdown. After Fukushima, we all have a greater appreciation of 4 5 just what that could mean. In 1979 my sons were 5 and 8 years old. 6 7 My husband and I debated where we would flee to and what we should pack in our car as the suspense 8 continued. Fortunately, this accident, caused by 9 a combination of equipment and human failure and 10 mistakes, was ended without full meltdown. Their 11 12 \$1 billion cleanup effort ended in 1993. 13 Several years ago I sat in my bedroom and the wall facing me began to vibrate and shake 14 15 alarmingly. I was shocked, and we learned that 16 the quake epicenter was close to a Virginia nuclear plant, which fortunately did not receive 17 serious damage. Several friends nearby had 18 chimney damage that needed professional repair, 19 and tonight someone told me they spent a thousand 20 21 dollars having their collapsed chimney fixed from 22 this in D.C.

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1	The damage to our Washington Monument	2 4 9
2	and National Cathedral has cost millions to	
3	repair, and this was a rather small earthquake. I	
4	was in the 7.5 Mexico City earthquake in 1957.	
5	Walking home after midnight, my date and I had to	
6	cling to each other to keep from falling down as	
7	telephone poles were rocking wildly back and	
8	forth.	
9	Don't underestimate the earthquake risks	
10	in the U.S. Charleston had a major earthquake in	
11	1886, and then there was the monstrous New Madrid,	
12	Missouri series of earthquakes in 1811 to '12,	
13	almost as strong as what they had in Japan	
14	recently.	
15	Boston had a major earthquake in 1755,	
16	within a month of the great Lisbon earthquake that	
17	killed around 50,000 people in Portugal. Other	
18	more recent U.S. earthquakes well, you have the	
19	list. Let me run on ahead here.	
20	I don't think any of us want to discount	
21	the risk of encouraging production of costly	
22	nuclear energy at the expense of far safer and	

1 potentially less costly solar and wind energy. In 2 fact, we should do everything we can to reduce our 3 dependence on nuclear and carbon-based fuel 4 sources.

5 In 2013, 47 people were incinerated in the oil train explosion at Lac-MCanada, and in 6 Qingdao, China 62 people died when a mile of 7 pipeline exploded in that city. And that 8 information has been repressed, I might add. 9 10 How many shares of PEPCO are owned by each D.C. Council member? A question we should 11 How many have recused themselves from Exelon 12 ask. votes and decisions? How is buying out the PEPCO 13 stockholders for \$27 a share a merger? 14 Sounds more like a swallowing whole by a snake. 15 16 We will need to watch closely as to whether putting all remaining above-ground lines 17 underground for \$2 billion, which we will pay for 18 as ratepayers or taxpayers, makes sense when we 19

20 still have major lack of possible housing and jobs 21 for poor and low- income people.

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Please, members of the Commission, don't

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	1	let Exelon destroy our budding solar and renewable	212
	2	energy efforts. Don't let them increase	
	3	dependence on potentially deadly nuclear energy.	
	4	And again, thank you so much for hearing our	
	5	concerns.	
	6	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Ms. Aiken.	
	7	Patrick McKinney?	
	8	MR. MCKINNEY: Hi. Thank you for	
	9	listening to all of us tonight. I'm a PEPCO	
	10	customer, and I work in energy. I strongly oppose	
	11	this merger.	
	12	There have been plenty of specific	
	13	reasons given for why this deal is a bad deal for	
	14	D.C. More generally, working in smart grid and	
	15	energy efficiency, I'm an optimist about the	
	16	future. Things are going to change. They're	
	17	already changing. That's really why I have a job	
	18	and why my coworkers have jobs, and we're all very	
	19	proud of what we do. And we're people of mixed	
2	20	backgrounds as well.	
12	21	And the truth is that more	
2	22	technologically advanced, cleaner technology is	

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going to continue to get cheaper. The old-1 fashioned way of doing things is going to continue 2 to get more expensive moving forward. It's as 3 4 simple as that. And Exelon has demonstrated again and 5 again that they have really no intention to 6 recognize and apart these changes that are really 7 inevitable, we should not trust them to invest our 8 money in infrastructure and generation capacity 9 that could soon be outdated, almost definitely 10 will soon be outdated. So it's to last for 11 decades, and truth is it's going to end up being a 12 stranded asset and we're going to be left with the 13 14 bill for these. 15 So the truth is, we just really need a utility that is prepared to look forward and not 16 be old-fashioned. I guess that's it. Thank you. 17 18 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr. McKinney. 19 Ziad Alahdad? 20 (No response.) 21 CHAIRMAN KANE: Hallema Mahdi? 22 (No response.)

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	1 CHAIRMAN KANE: Rasheed I cannot read	214
	2 the last name handwriting, but not here.	
	3 Jermaine Brown we heard from.	
	4 Ivan Frishberg?	
	MR. FRISHBERG: Thank you,	
(6 Commissioners. My name is Ivan Frishberg. I'm a	
	7 resident of Ward 6 and a former ANC commissioner.	
8	3 I just retired. So I know what late-night	
9	hearings are all about and appreciate your service	
10	and the work of the staff as well.	
11	I am testifying in opposition to the	
12	acquisition of PEPCO by Exelon. Our commission,	
13	at the end of last year, passed a resolution	
14	highly critical of the acquisition and laying out	
15	expectations for what we hope to see. But I'm	
16	testifying tonight certainly as an individual but	
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18	change and what the policy approach of Exelon will	
19	be.	
20	It's worth noting that it seems like a	
21	lot of the testimony in favor of the opposition	
22	tonight is premised on a concern about PEPCO's	

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	l ability to deliver for the District of Columbia,	
2	2 and we need Exelon to come in and fix it. I don't	
3	B buy into that proposition. I have been relatively	
4	happy with the utility that we have, but have very	
5	significant concerns about what I've seen from	
6	Exelon around the country.	
7	When it comes to climate change, you	
8	know that we have 95 percent confidence from the	
9	IPCC that climate change is being caused by	
10	manmade emissions. We have the National Climate	
11	Assessment this year that says it's happening here	
12	and now in every region of this country.	
13	Built on top of that, we are now	
14	projected to be at a rate of 5 degree Centigrade	
15	warming, which is 3 degrees beyond catastrophic	
16	climate change at 2 degrees. So this is a pretty	
17	crisis-oriented situation.	
18	New research this week said that we need	
19	to leave 90 percent of all of our fossil fuels in	
20	the ground. That's U.S. fossil fuels need to stay	
21	in the ground. We're in a situation where we	
22	can't leave any kind of clean energy off the table	

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	l if we're to avert catastrophic climate change.	
2	Unfortunately, that is what Exelon does	
3	B through its advocacy and its policy work in	
4	districts and states all across the country. In	
5	Illinois they have stopped the strengthening and	
6	the fixing of the renewable energy standard there	
7	for many years, to the point where now investments	
8	in renewable energy have dropped by 96 percent.	
9	They stopped it because they wanted to get a	
10	better deal for their energy.	
11	In states all across the country, as	
12	you've heard, they've worked with ALEC against	
13	distributed generation policies. They have worked	
14	against federal clean energy tax cuts. The basic	
15	approach they are taking is, if it's not ours, we	
16	don't want somebody to have it. That's a fair	
17	position for a company to take.	
18	We cannot afford that, though, as a	
19	community, as a country. We cannot afford it for	
20	our children. The impact on the District, and I	
21	think this is where you kind of have to meet your	
22	legal obligation, is very significant.	

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1	I've had many agencies before our	21
2	commission on water issues, on a host of different	
3	issues. And when you ask them to talk about how	
4	they incorporate climate modeling or the extreme	
5	precipitation or rising sea level or storm water	
6	or air pollution, what that's going to do to our	
7	District, they don't have good answers. Our	
8	District is not modeling out and figuring out what	
9	we're going to do between 2 degrees Centigrade and	
10	5 degrees Centigrade.	
11	And the impacts are very real in terms	
12	of water infrastructure, access to commodities,	
13	basic economic stability, as well as air quality	
14	and the impact it has on our seniors and our kids.	
15	So to me there's a very real impact, and	
16	we cannot approach the policy approach from Exelon	
17	where they say no to any kind of clean energy that	
18	anybody else does and only protects their	
19	portfolio. This is bad for the District, and I	
20	urge you to reject the acquisition. Thank you.	
21	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Mr.	
22	Frishberg.	

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1	Michael Healey? I saw him here earlier.	
2	(No response.)	
3	CHAIRMAN KANE: Anna Robbin?	
4	MS. ROBBIN: I'm a citizen in Ward 5. I	
5	just feel really strongly that Exelon is not an	
6	ethical company. Nuclear power cannot be called	
7	ethical with Fukushima, with Three Mile Island,	
8	with Chernobyl. How can you call nuclear power	
9	ethical?	
10	We can't be playing Russian roulette	
11	with our lives and our children's lives. And	
12	because of that, how can you trust an unethical	
13	company? They're there for money. They fund some	
14	solar projects. Right? Like all companies, they	
15	want to look good, like almost all, probably, or	
16	all large companies. They want to look good in our	
17	eyes. Right?	
18	So they fund solar here and there,	
19	right, so people can talk about it, that they do	
20	care about our environment and they are doing	
21	good. And obviously, as you can see from this	
22	room, they have a lot of connection with the	

219 business community. They're this. They support 1 2 each other. 3 But anyone that supports nuclear does not care. And I really am shocked, as someone 4 else said, that a lot of organizations that 5 support youth were to come out here in favor of 6 this so-called merger because these are our 7 children's lives and our youths' lives at stake 8 9 with nuclear power. 10 Please, think about the people. Your job is to protect the people. Okay? Companies 11 should not have free rein to play Russian roulette 12 with our lives. 13 14 CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you, Ms. Robbin. 15 That concludes the list. Michael Sindram, I know is here, who I called earlier. And 16 17 I think I went through the list twice, but --18 MR. JORDAN: Ms. Kane? 19 CHAIRMAN KANE: Yes? 20 MR. JORDAN: I signed up on the list. 21 CHAIRMAN KANE: I'm going to get to anybody else who -- I went through the list. And 22

220 if you weren't here, then I'm going back. 1 2 MR. JORDAN: I'm saying that I'm on the 3 list. 4 CHAIRMAN KANE: Okay. We'll get to you 5 in just a minute, after Mr. Sindram. 6 Go ahead. 7 MR. SINDRAM: Good evening, Madam Chair, Commissioners, all those within the sound of my 8 voice. Michael Sindram, disabled veteran who has 9 10 served our country more than most. 11 I want to echo your sentiment, Madam Chair, about the staffers. They do do a yeoman's 12 13 And it's been said contented cows give job. 14 better milk. So a raise is in order, eh? 15 I had a chat with PEPCO's Mr. Battle, who was in the audience last week, and I made 16 mention about my excessive bill. When People's 17 Counsel was on the case, we uncovered Mr. Battle's 18 quip, "I don't pay more than \$20 a month," but be 19 that as it may, a difference in payment. 20 21 So in my very small bill, there is a difference, a penny or two, whatever the case may 22

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	1 be that's a windfall across the board of	
	2 hundreds of thousands of dollars. And for Mr.	
	3 Battle to be flippant on someone who is on a fixed	
	4 income, that doesn't speak well, not only for	
	5 PEPCO but for enlarging his borders with Exelon.	
	I asked a question last go-round: Is	
	7 bigger better? And I would dare say a resounding	
8	no. Currently we can have at least some home-	
· <u>c</u>) grown say as to what's happening. If we outsource	
10) that to who knows where, that diminishes the voice	
11	of the people, and that's not good.	
12	There is a timely article that appeared	
13	in East of the River, and it's titled and I	
14	want to make this part of the record "Should	
15	Exelon Be Allowed to Buy PEPCO?" You may be	
16	familiar. You may have read it. And it appeared	
17	in the January this year issue.	
18	In relevant part it states, and I quote,	
19	"Exelon's business model is intrinsically opposed	
20	to distributed solar and any kind of distributed	
21	renewables." Exelon would have a conflict of	
22	interest as the District's electricity distributor	

	1	because it's also a power wholesaler, meaning it	222
	2	benefits when prices for its product are high	
	3	Exelon owns 23 nuclear plants in the U.S is	
	4	expensive to produce and maintain, and it's only	
	5	logical for the company to look for ways to pass	
	6	the costs on to consumers while working against	
	7	the growth of cheaper, more sustainable sources	
	8	like wind and solar.	
	9	The article goes on to a specific	
	10	instance which states, "To prove their fears are	
	11	grounded, merger opponents point to Illinois,	
	12	where in September Exelon senior vice president	
	13	Kathleen Barron encouraged Illinois regulators to	
	14	charge users \$6 per megawatt hour, a rate that a	
	15	Chicago paper says would total \$580 million in	
	16	subsidies, to keep some of the company's nuclear	
	17	plants running as well as New York, where earlier	
	18	this month, Exelon pushed regulators in New York	
	19	to agree to an \$80 million contract, a price	
	20	that's well above market energy rates, that will	
	21	do the same." So this indicates to me to me of	
	22	what's to come should this merger proceed as	
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believed. 1 2 The article further states, "What's 3 next? Even some skeptics of the merger believe that Exelon's lucrative offer to PEPCO, along with 4 the fact that each company's board as well as the 5 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, have already 6 7 approved it, make it a done deal." 8 I want to conclude on a personal note. But before I do, again this article indicates, and 9 I quote, "The issue shouldn't be how many dollars 10 we can get or what kind of bribe money can we 11 12 It should be what structural commitments take. are the utility company going to lay to D.C. to 13 get the model it wants? Community solar? 14 15 Underground lines to lower rates? It's about 16 what's the good of the future." And lest we forget, again, Exelon is an 17 outsider, I would dare say a carpetbagger, which 18 is going to take the voice of the people farther 19 20 away from the heart of the matter here in town. 21 You may recall, Madam Chair -- maybe not -- when your nomination was up before the Council, 22

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1	actually, the committee that oversaw and of	22
2	course now the committees have been brought under	
3	Philip Heath Mendelson, the current chair, who's a	
4	PEPCO shareholder but back at the time when	
5	your name surfaced to be appointed as chair of the	
6	Public Service Commission, Marion Barry was a	
7	holdout.	
8	And I remember distinctly lobbying on	
9	your behalf. Actually, I went to his office. He	
10	was watching TV. And I said, "Why are you here?	
11	Why aren't you doing your job before the committee	
12	to vote up or down, but have a say in Ms. Kane's	
13	nomination?"	
14	So all to say that I pushed and I	
15	lobbied for you. Now I want you to lobby for we	
16	the people. And as this article points out, I	
17	don't want it to be a done deal. I want you to be	
18	an independent thinker. Just as I lobbied on your	
19	behalf with Marion Barry, I want you to lobby for	
20	us.	
21	And I don't want the almighty buck,	
22	almighty dollar, to say what will or will not	

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1	happen. This is definitely not in the best	
2	interest of we the people. And look at this	
3	closely. And PEPCO tells us all kind of	
4	commitments, what they will do and betterment and	
5	so on. What has their track record proven thus	
6	far? It hasn't.	
7	So you're going to enlarge and multiply	
8	and add insult to injury, exacerbate this	
9	nightmare. So thank you, and I'm counting on you,	
10	counting on you and your colleagues to do the	
11	right thing here.	
12	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you. Thank you,	
13	Mr. Sindram.	
14	Now, gentleman, you said	
15	MR. JORDAN: It's been a long time, Ms.	
16	Kane.	
17	CHAIRMAN KANE: Yes. And tell us your	
18	name for the record.	
19	MR. JORDAN: Yes. My name is Absalom	
20	Jordan. Good evening, Chairperson Kane,	
21	Commissioner Fort, and Commissioner Phillips. My	
22	name is Absalom Jordan. I'm a commissioner for	

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	1	SMD 8D03, president of the Southern Hills Tenant	22
	2	Association, and a shareholder in PEPCO.	
	3	I am opposed to the Exelon proposal for	
	4	takeover of PEPCO. I'm a native Washingtonian who	
	5	has lived here 73 years and is almost 74 years old	
	6	now, and I can say that this is, in my opinion,	
	7	the biggest case that has ever come before the	
	8	Commission.	
	9	First and foremost, I want to make it	
	10	clear that what is being proposed is not a merger.	
	11	This is a takeover, clear and simple. If approved,	
	12	Exelon will be making the decisions for PEPCO.	
	13	For this reason, the Commission should closely	
	14	examine why Exelon wants to take over PEPCO.	
	15	From my research, Exelon's primary	
	16	source of revenue, nuclear generation, is	
	17	suffering, and they are looking for ways to prop	
	18	up their business. By taking over PEPCO, Exelon	
	19	will benefit by receiving a steady stream of	
	20	income. While this takeover is a benefit for	
1	21	Exelon and its shareholders, it is not clear that	
1	22	the District of Columbia or consumers will benefit	

1 at all. 2 Several witnesses have testified that the merger will be good for the city because 3 Exelon promises to increase its charitable 4 contributions to a number of organizations. While 5 this is good for those organizations and the 6 people they serve, the testimony is short-7 sighted, as it ignores the fact that philanthropy 8 is not the primary reason why Exelon would be 9 doing in the District of Columbia. And you'll 10 have to forgive me, my glasses and stuff, but I'm 11 12 going to read anyway. 13 CHAIRMAN KANE: It's okay. 14 MR. JORDAN: As president of the 15 Southern Hills Tenant Association, I have received gifts on behalf of the tenants in the past from 16 We never understood that there was a quid 17 PEPCO. 18 PRO quo for receipt of the donations, nor an obligation to support actions of PEPCO that are 19 20 questionable in terms of their benefit for the public interest in general and ratepayers at 21 22 large.

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	1 The primary role of Exelon's subsidiary	22
	2 would be to serve the power delivery company,	
	3 further positioning the PSC from influencing or	
4	affecting rates for production of electricity.	
5	From what they have promised to the Commission, it	
6	is not clear that they will do a better job than	
7	PEPCO is in the role of charitable giving.	
8	To add insult to injury, I believe we	
9	would also pay higher rates than we would with	
10	PEPCO because Exelon would need to finance the	
11	purchase of PEPCO, and the only way to pay the	
12	investors for the purchase would be to increase	
13	revenue through an increase in the rate for the	
14	generation of electricity. For these two	
15	important reasons, I ask that the Commission	
16	reject the takeover proposal.	
17	Additionally, I'm opposed to the merger	
18	because I do not believe Exelon will meet the	
19	promise it has made. Specifically, I do not	
20	believe Exelon will produce the promised number of	
21	jobs so many witnesses have talked about.	
22	The promise of jobs seems to be an all	

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1	to familiar commitment when corporations want	22
2	approval for something. While the unemployment	
3	numbers are falling nationally, east of the River	
4	in my community the jobless rate is 20 percent.	
5	If Exelon is promising to bring	
6	additional jobs to the city and we are talking	
7	about jobs for the District residents as a	
8	condition for their takeover proposal, there ought	
9	to be some accountability if they fail to do so.	
10	Therefore, if there is no solid plan for	
11	how D.C. residents' jobs will be increased in the	
12	District of Columbia, particularly east of the	
13	river, and no recourse for the city to take if the	
14	promise is not kept, the proposal should be	
15	denied.	
16	Finally, the proposal should be denied	
17	because there is no financial benefit for	
18	consumers. The \$50 being offered is an insult and	
19	in no way acceptable as meeting the definition of	
20	a direct, tangible benefit.	
21	Bottom line: This proposal presents too	
22	many risks for the city and its consumers. Unless	

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1	the Commission can ensure that consumers would not	
2	experience less reliable service and higher rates,	
3	the takeover proposal should be denied.	
4	In conclusion, if evidence is presented	
5	that proves that the proposed merger will not	
6	leave the city and its consumers better off, the	
7	Commission should not hesitate to reject the	
8	proposal outright. If the Commission fails to	
9	exercise this level of coverage, it will dishonor	
10	the public trust inherent in the important role	
11	the agency plays in protecting District utility	
12	consumers and ratepayers.	
13	Finally, Chairman Kane, Advisory	
14	Neighborhood Commission 8D will be presenting a	
15	resolution regarding this matter before the PSC.	
16	We want your assurance that the applicable	
17	provisions of the ANC law, which require that	
18	great weight consideration be afforded each and	
19	every issue raised by ANC 8D at the time of our	
20	submission will be considered and addressed.	
21	Thank you very much.	
22	CHAIRMAN KANE: Thank you very much, Mr.	

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	1 Jordan. It's good to see you again.	
	2 MR. JORDAN: Thank you.	
	3 CHAIRMAN KANE: That does conclude the	
	4 list I have. Let me again say for the record that	
	anyone who wants to supplement their testimony,	
	anyone else who subsequently listens to this	
	7 recording wants to send something in, we will keep	
	3 the record open until March 26th for written	
	comments.	
1	And all those written comments will be	
1	put in the record. The hearings that we will	
1	have, the evidentiary hearings with sworn	
1	witnesses with the parties, will take place from	
1	February 9th through 13th. Those hearings will be	
1	streamed live on the Commission's website, and	
1	they will also be both audio and video recorded	
1.	and a transcript will be posted.	
18	So thank you all for coming. Thank you	
19	for your input. We can assure you that everyone's	
20	comments will be given full consideration.	
21	It is now 10:00 p.m., and this community	
22	hearing is adjourned.	

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	(Whereupon, at 10:00 p.m., the
2	community hearing was adjourned.)
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2	I, CHRISTINE ALLEN, the officer before whom the	
3	hearing was taken, do hereby certify that the	
4	proceedings that appear in the foregoing	
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6	thereafter reduced to typewriting under my	
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10	parties to the action in which these proceedings	
11	was taken; and, further, that I am not a relative	
12	or employee of any counsel or attorney employed by	
13	the parties hereto, nor financially or otherwise	
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