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RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PEPCO BY EXELON

WHEREAS:

1. Exelon Corporation ("Exelon") has applied to the District of Columbia's Public Service Commission (PSC) in Formal Case No. 1119 to acquire Potomac Electrical Power Company ("PEPCO")
2. Regulation of electrical power is highly complex and technical. For that reason, the District of Columbia has assigned decision-making responsibility to the PSC and has created the Office of People's Counsel (OPC) to represent the interests of DC residents.
3. ANC 3E often deals with PEPCO on issues such as power line refurbishment which have direct neighborhood consequences including potential damage to trees, noise, and traffic disruption.
4. Despite frustration with PEPCO work and service disruptions, ANC 3E has found Pepco staff to be responsive and available to both the Commission and the community, and Pepco staff have regularly attended ANC 3E meetings. We believe such accessibility is a discernible benefit of having a local utility company with a long history in the District of Columbia.
5. We have heard arguments from representatives of PEPCO and Exelon in support of the acquisition, and from a public interest group opposing the acquisition. However, the Commission lacks the technical expertise and access to the full record required to reach a judgment on the merits of the Proposed Acquisition.
6. The Proposed Acquisition is likely the most important matter that PSC and OPC have faced. However, we are concerned that OPC may lack sufficient funds and/or time to carry out its vital role as public advocate in connection with the Proposed Acquisition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Council and Mayor should take action immediately to ensure OPC has ample funding and time to gather and analyze the facts and advocate effectively on behalf of DC residents.
2. PSC, OPC, the Council, and the Mayor should not support the Proposed Acquisition unless, after careful investigation and analysis, they determine that strong and binding agreements are in place that guarantee significant gains in reliability, rates, and renewable energy use, maintain existing programs, labor agreements and local staffing, and, ultimately, provide reasonable assurance that the benefits of the Proposed Acquisition significantly outweigh its risks. The resolution passed by a vote of 3-1-0 at a properly noticed meeting held on February 19, 2015, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, McHugh, Quinn, and Wallace in attendance.

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by Jonathan Bender
Chairperson