

April 28, 2015

Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick
Commission Secretary
Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia
1333 H Street NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005

RE: Formal Case No. 1119, In the matter of the merger of Exelon Corporation and Pepco Holdings, et al

Dear Ms. Westbrook-Sedgewick:

I submit these comments on behalf of the members of the Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association (BNCA) in opposition to the proposed acquisition of Pepco Holdings by Exelon.

BNCA's mission is to provide a forum for considering and advancing the interests of Brookland residents, property owners and merchants related to issues affecting our Northeast DC community.

The BNCA urges the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (PSC) to reject this acquisition bid because it fails to significantly advance the public interest¹, particularly related to providing reliable, clean and affordable energy for DC residents. In general, BNCA shares the views of many organizations opposed to the merger, including the Washington Post, the American Antitrust Institute, Power DC, DC SUN, ANC 5B, and the Office of People's Counsel.

We are deeply concerned that under the acquisition, the District of Columbia will have reduced control over its local public utility and the distribution grid. We are also concerned that Exelon lacks a clear plan to keep electricity rates affordable. Further, BNCA is concerned about the lack of focus on the part of Exelon toward advancing District policy² related to promoting development of local, distributed renewable generation. The acquisition of Pepco by Exelon would signal a turn away from a sustainable energy future for the city.³

However, should the PSC decide to approve the acquisition, the BNCA supports the resolution passed by our Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B, regarding the

¹ The BNCA joins the public comments of DC SUN, that the public interest test to be applied by the PSC must as a matter of law also include the factors set forth by the Clean and Affordable Energy Act, D.C. Code Section 34-808.02: (1) the public safety, (2) the economy of the District, (3) the conservation of natural resources, and (4) the preservation of environmental quality.

² The District's Sustainability Plan sets forth a goal of sourcing at least 20 percent of our electric energy from renewable sources by 2020, and sourcing 50 percent of our electric energy from renewable sources by 2032.

³ Comments submitted by Wentworth Green Strategies on January 29, 2015 provide greater detail on the unsustainable economics of Exelon's business model, as well as the particular incentives that Exelon would have post-merger to increase rates to recoup the high cost of its PEPCO purchase.

actions the PSC could take to obtain significant concessions from Exelon that would further the public interest.

The BNCA urges the PSC to reject this merger and we look forward to working with the PSC and other city officials to advance efforts to provide reliable, clean and affordable energy for DC residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anita Hairston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anita" and last name "Hairston" clearly distinguishable.

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