

# **Exhibit 17**

May 20, 2016

Darrin Sobin, Esq.  
Director of Government Ethics  
Board of Ethics and Government Accountability  
441 4th Street, NW, 830 South  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Sobin,

I write to request a formal opinion from the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA). I am currently employed, part-time, at the law firm of Manatt Phelps & Phillips, LLP ("Manatt"). It has come to my attention that Manatt continues to represent Pepco Holdings, LLC ("Pepco") and Exelon Corporation ("Exelon"). If I receive a flat salary from Manatt that excludes any incentives and Manatt agrees not to lobby the Legislative and the Executive branches of the District government, I ask for your opinion as to whether I may vote on matters before the Council affecting Pepco or Exelon. Please let me know if you require any additional information from me in order to meet this request. I look forward to your opinion.

Sincerely,

Jack Evans  
Councilmember, Ward 2