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Chairman Orange, thank you for holding this important hearing today. Although there are a number of items on the agenda, I am wanted to speak particularly to the issue of the proposed merger of Pepco with Exelon.

As we continue to face increased and more severe weather conditions, it becomes even more compelling that the District's utility company has the expertise and the resources to minimize disruption in utility services and equally important to have the expertise, the personnel and the resources to respond to disruptions in utility service, especially major ones, in a timely manner. The proposed merger will result in much greater financial, machinery and human resources to respond to major weather events, which will be in the interest of our residents and our businesses. These major weather crises threaten the health and safety of the District's residents, and they also threaten the District's economy.

Pepco is doing a job in improving electric reliability here in the District, but I believe that the improvements will be further accelerated if the merger of Pepco and Exelon is approved. Importantly, the accelerated improvements can be achieved more efficiently due to the scale of a much larger company such as Exelon. Considering that what we expect from our utility is safe, reliable, and affordable electric distribution service, improved reliability achieved at a lower price tag is a compelling reason to support this merger.

Some have expressed concerns regarding a perceived lack of control of our local utility, but I do not share these concerns for three main reasons.

1. The Council of the District of Columbia will retain its existing oversight over Pepco through oversight of this or a successor committee.
2. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia will retain its jurisdiction over Pepco, and the scope of its jurisdiction will not be diminished.
3. The Office of the People's Counsel will retain its important role as the statutory representative of customers, and the scope of its responsibility will not change.

Given that the Commission and the Office of the People's Counsel also fall under the oversight of the Council's Committee on Business, Consumer and Regulatory Affairs I am fully confident in the Council's ability to ensure that appropriate regulatory oversight is maintained going forward.

- ✓ • Since Pepco no longer generates electricity, what options do customers have in selecting an electricity supplier? Will the merger with Exelon change how people get their electricity or the choices they will have?
- ✓ • Will Pepco continue to support the Community Renewables initiative and the District's sustainability plan generally? Will the merger with Exelon change this? Why not?
- ✓ • What changes, if any, should customers with rooftop solar arrays expect from the merger?
- ✓ • Does Exelon currently bid in to the PJM market to provide standard offer service? Will the merger change Exelon's position in this regard?
- ✓ • What is the business rationale for Exelon acquiring Pepco Holdings?

- ✓ • If the merger is approved, will the Commission/OPC have any new or additional oversight responsibilities? Oversight is limited to Pepco DC, correct?