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#### Section 2 - Financial Information

#### Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities

On June 2, 2016, Exelon Corporation (Exelon) announced that Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Generation) will permanently cease generation operations at Clinton Nuclear Generating Station (Clinton) on June 1, 2017, and at Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station (Quad Cities) on June 1, 2018. The current Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) licenses for Clinton and Quad Cities expire in 2026 and 2032, respectively. Exelon issued a press release on June 2, 2016, announcing the decision regarding Clinton and Quad Cities. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The primary factors contributing to the deteriorating economic value of Clinton and Quad Cities include significant declines in plant revenues due to prolonged periods of low wholesale power prices, capacity auction results, regulatory and policy constructs which fail to fairly compensate nuclear plants for their reliability and carbon-free emission aspects, including uncertainty regarding the future of the Clean Power Plan as well as negative factors specific to Clinton, including current flaws in the capacity market design in MISO and Clinton's relatively high operating costs as a single-unit site. All of these factors exacerbate the expectation for continued losses for the foreseeable future.

The decision now to move forward with shutting down the Clinton and Quad Cities nuclear plants was made given the lack of progress on Illinois energy legislation.

As a result of the plant retirement decision for Clinton and Quad Cities, Exelon and Generation will recognize certain one-time charges in June 2016 ranging from an estimated \$150 million to \$200 million related to materials and supplies inventory reserve adjustment, employee-related costs, and construction work-in-progress (CWIP) impairment, among other items. Exelon and Generation also could recognize additional one-time charges in 2017 and 2018 of up to an estimated \$25 million each year. Estimated total cash expenditures related to the one-time charges primarily for employee-related costs are expected to range from \$75 million to \$100 million.

In addition to these one-time charges, there will be ongoing annual financial impacts stemming from shortening the expected economic useful life of Clinton and Quad Cities primarily related to accelerated depreciation of plant assets (including any asset retirement costs (ARC)), accelerated amortization of nuclear fuel, and additional asset retirement obligation (ARO) accretion expense associated with the changes in decommissioning timing and cost assumptions to reflect an earlier retirement date. The following table summarizes the estimated annual amount and timing of expected incremental non-cash expense items expected to be incurred as a result of the early retirement decision.

(in millions)

|  | 2016              | 2017               | 2018             |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Income statement expenses (pre-tax):                     |                   |                    |                  |
| Depreciation and Amortization                            |                   |                    |                  |
| Accelerated depreciation(a)                              | \$ 775 to \$825   | \$ 825 to \$900    | \$ 175 to \$225  |
| Accelerated nuclear fuel amortization                    | \$ 75 to \$100    | \$ 75 to \$100     | \$ 25 to \$50    |
| Operating and Maintenance                                |                   |                    |                  |
| Increased ARO accretion, net of contractual offset(b)(c) | Up to \$25        | Up to \$25         | Up to \$25       |
| Contractual offset for ARC depreciation(b)(c)            | \$(75) to \$(100) | \$(125) to \$(175) | \$(25) to \$(75) |

- (a) Includes the accelerated depreciation of plant assets including any ARC.
- (b) For Quad Cities, based on the regulatory agreement with the Illinois Commerce Commission, decommissioning-related activities are offset within Exelon's and Generation's Consolidated Statements of

- Operations and Comprehensive Income. The offset results in an equal adjustment to the noncurrent payables to ComEd at Generation and an adjustment to the regulatory liabilities at ComEd. Likewise, ComEd has recorded an equal noncurrent affiliate receivable from Generation and corresponding regulatory liability.
- (c) The estimated decommissioning costs for Quad Cities will be adjusted later in the second quarter of 2016 resulting from the completion of an updated decommissioning cost study.

It is also estimated that Clinton will no longer meet the NRC minimum funding requirements due to the earlier commencement of decommissioning activities and a shorter time period over which the nuclear decommissioning trust fund (NDTF) investments could appreciate in value. Quad Cities would also be at risk for such a shortfall. A shortfall could require Exelon to post parental guarantees for Generation's obligations. However, the amount of any required guarantees will ultimately be dependent on the decommissioning approach adopted at each site, the associated level of costs, and the decommissioning trust fund investment performance going forward. Considering the three alternative decommissioning approaches available to Generation for each site, the most costly estimates currently anticipated could require parental guarantees of up to \$385 million for Clinton in order to access its NDTF for radiological decommissioning costs. Although Quad Cities is better positioned than Clinton to avoid the need for a parental guarantee, a guarantee of up to \$65 million may be required in order for the site to access its NDTF for radiological decommissioning costs. Generation is financially responsible for the decommissioning obligations related to Clinton and Quad Cities and cannot collect funds from Illinois customers related to decommissioning costs for either plant.

Upon issuance of any required financial guarantees, Clinton and Quad Cities would be able to utilize the respective NDTFs for radiological decommissioning costs, which represent the majority of the total expected decommissioning costs. However, the NRC must approve an additional exemption in order for Generation to utilize the NDTF to pay for non-radiological decommissioning costs (i.e. spent fuel management and site restoration costs). If a unit does not receive this exemption, the costs would be borne by Generation. Accordingly, based on current projections, it is expected that some portion of the spent fuel management and/or site restoration costs would need to be funded through supplemental cash from Generation. While the ultimate amounts may vary greatly and could be reduced by alternate decommissioning scenarios and/or reimbursement of certain costs under the United States Department of Energy reimbursement agreements or future litigation, across the three alternative decommissioning approaches available to Generation, for the next 10 years, Clinton could incur spent fuel management and site restoration costs of up to \$160 million, net of taxes. Quad Cities is better positioned to pass the test than Clinton. Although considered unlikely, if Quad Cities fails the exemption test, at its ownership percentage Generation could be required to pay for spent fuel management costs over the next ten years of up to \$180 million, net of taxes.

Quad Cities is a jointly owned electric plant; all amounts included within are reflected at Generation's 75% undivided ownership interest.

#### Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Exelon Corporation Press Release

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#### Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information

This report contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, that are subject to risks and uncertainties. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements made by Exelon Corporation and Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Registrants) include those factors discussed herein, as well as the items discussed in (1) Exelon's 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K in (a) ITEM 1A. Risk Factors, (b) ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and (c) ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data: Note 23; (2) Pepco Holdings, Inc.'s 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K in (a) ITEM 1A. Risk Factors, (b) ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and (c) ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data: Note 16; (3) Exelon's First Quarter 2016 Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q in (a) Part II, Other Information, ITEM 1A. Risk Factors; (b) Part 1, Financial Information, ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and (c) Part I, Financial Information, ITEM 1. Financial Statements: Note 18 and (4) other factors discussed in filings with the SEC by the Registrants. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this report. None of the Registrants undertakes any obligation to publicly release any revision to its forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report.

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## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

# **EXELON CORPORATION**

/s/ Jonathan W. Thayer

Jonathan W. Thayer Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Exelon Corporation

## **EXELON GENERATION COMPANY, LLC**

/s/ Bryan P. Wright

Bryan P. Wright Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Exelon Generation Company, LLC

June 2, 2016

# EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1 Press Release





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## EXELON ANNOUNCES EARLY RETIREMENT OF CLINTON AND QUAD CITIES NUCLEAR PLANTS

Company begins taking steps to shut down plants

**CHICAGO** (June 2, 2016) — Exelon Corporation today announced it will move forward to shut down the Clinton and Quad Cities nuclear plants, given the lack of progress on Illinois energy legislation.

The Clinton Power Station in Clinton, Ill., will close on June 1, 2017, and the Quad Cities Generating Station in Cordova, Ill., will close on June 1, 2018. Quad Cities and Clinton have lost a combined \$800 million in the past seven years, despite being two of Exelon's best-performing plants.

While the Illinois legislative session has not ended, the path forward for consideration of the Next Generation Energy Plan legislation is not clear. As a result, Exelon has begun taking necessary steps to shut down the two nuclear plants. These include:

- Making permanent shutdown notifications to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission within 30 days
- · Terminating capital investment projects required for long-term operation of Clinton and Quad Cities, which will impact more than 200 workers
- Immediately taking one-time charges of \$150 million to \$200 million for 2016, and accelerating approximately \$2 billion in depreciation and amortization through the announced shutdown dates
- · Cancelling fuel purchases and outage planning, which will impact more than 1,000 outage workers

Exelon has and will continue to brief the Governor's office, legislative leaders, the Illinois Commerce Commission, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Power Agency, other relevant state agencies, and host community leaders, on developments as it executes the shutdown plan.

"This is an extremely difficult day for the 1,500 employees who operate these plants safely and reliably every day, and the communities that depend on them for support," said Chris Crane, Exelon president and CEO. "We have worked for several years to find a sustainable path forward in consultation with federal regulators, market operators, state policymakers, plant community leaders, labor and business leaders, as well as environmental groups and other stakeholders. Unfortunately, legislation was not passed, and now we are forced to retire the plants."

Exelon will continue to work with stakeholders on passing the Next Generation Energy Plan that is critical to the state's environment and economy. While these needed policy reforms may come too late to save some plants, Exelon is committed to working with policymakers and other stakeholders to advance an all-of-the-above plan that would promote zero-carbon energy, create and preserve clean-energy jobs, establish a more equitable utility rate structure and give customers more control over their bills.

Among other features, the Next Generation Energy Plan would nearly double energy efficiency programs, provide \$1 billion in funding for low-income assistance, jumpstart solar development with rebates and \$140 million in new funding, and reduce the fixed customer charge for energy delivery by 50 percent.

"We are deeply grateful for the broad support we received from policymakers, plant community leaders, labor officials and business leaders who spoke out to help keep the plants operating," Crane said. "We wish the outcome would have been different, and we appreciate all the support this effort has received."

Retiring the plants will have a significant economic and environmental impact on the region. The Clinton and Quad Cities plants support approximately 4,200 direct and indirect jobs and produce more than \$1.2 billion in economic activity annually. A state report found that closing the plants would increase wholesale energy costs for the region by \$439 million to \$645 million annually. The report also found that keeping the plants open would avoid \$10 billion in economic damages associated with higher carbon emissions over 10 years.

Exelon recognizes the severe impact the closures will have on the host communities for Clinton and Quad Cities, and will work with civic leaders to prepare for this transition.

Exelon is committed to supporting employees at both plants. Employees will safely operate the facilities until the retirement dates, with staff transitions expected within six months after retirement. Exelon employs nearly 700 workers at Clinton and 800 workers at Quad Cities.

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