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Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated September 10, 2012

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated May 29, 2012)

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## PECO Energy Company

### First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, % Series due 2022

The bonds will bear interest at the rate of % per year. We will pay interest on the bonds on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning on March 15, 2013. The bonds will mature on September 15, 2022. We may redeem some or all of the bonds at any time at the redemption price described in this prospectus supplement.

The bonds will be secured equally with all other bonds outstanding or hereafter issued under our First and Refunding Mortgage. There is no sinking fund for the bonds.

Please see Risk Factors on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement for a discussion of factors you should consider in connection with a purchase of the bonds.

	Per Bond	Total
Public Offering Price (1)	%	\$
Underwriting Discount	%	\$

Proceeds, before expenses, to PECO Energy Company	%	\$
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(1) Plus accrued interest from September , 2012, if settlement occurs after that date.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the bonds or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The bonds are expected to be delivered in book-entry only form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, including Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and/or Eurostream Bank S.A./N.V., against payment in New York, New York on or about September , 2012.

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**BNP PARIBAS**

**J.P. Morgan**

**US Bancorp**

The date of this prospectus supplement is September , 2012.

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We urge you to carefully read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, which describe the terms of the offering of the bonds, before you make your investment decision. You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these bonds in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents or that the information incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date that the document incorporated by reference was filed with the SEC.

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain information about PECO Energy Company and about the bonds. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus also refer to information contained in other documents that we file with the SEC. To the extent the information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with information in the prospectus, you should rely on this prospectus supplement.

The accompanying prospectus also includes information about Exelon Corporation (Exelon) and our affiliates Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Generation), Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) and Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) and their securities, which does not apply to us or the bonds. PECO Energy Company is a subsidiary of Exelon. The bonds are solely our obligations and not obligations of Exelon or of any of our affiliates.

Unless the context otherwise indicates, when we refer to PECO, the Company, we, our or us in this prospectus supplement, we mean PECO Energy Company and, unless the context otherwise indicates, not any of our subsidiaries or affiliates.

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain of the matters discussed in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference as described under the heading *Where You Can Find More Information* are 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 include: (a) any risk factors discussed in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus; (b) those factors discussed in the following sections of PECO's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K: ITEM 1A. Risk Factors, ITEM 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data: Note 18; (c) those factors discussed in the following sections of PECO's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012: Part II, Other Information, ITEM 1A. Risk Factors and Part I, Financial Information, ITEM 1. Financial Statements: Note 15 and Note 16, respectively, and (d) other factors discussed herein and in other filings with the SEC by PECO, as applicable. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date on the front of this prospectus supplement or, as the case may be, as of the date on which we make any subsequent forward-looking statement that is deemed incorporated by reference. PECO does not undertake any obligation to publicly release any revision to its forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date as of which any such forward-looking statement is made.

**PECO ENERGY COMPANY**

PECO is a subsidiary of Exelon, and is engaged principally in the purchase and regulated retail sale of electricity and the provision of transmission and distribution services to retail customers in southeastern Pennsylvania, including the City of Philadelphia, as well as the purchase and regulated retail sale of natural gas and the provision of distribution services to retail customers in the Pennsylvania counties surrounding the City of Philadelphia. PECO is a public utility under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code subject to regulation by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission with respect to electric and gas distribution rates and service, the issuances of certain securities and certain other aspects of PECO's operations. PECO is a public utility under the Federal Power Act subject to regulation by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission with respect to transmission rates and certain other aspects of PECO's business and by the U.S. Department of Transportation as to pipeline safety and other areas of gas operations. Specific operations of PECO are subject to the jurisdiction of various

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other Federal, state, regional and local agencies. Additionally, PECO is also subject to North American Electric Reliability Corporation mandatory reliability standards.

PECO's combined electric and natural gas retail service territory has an area of approximately 2,100 square miles and an estimated population of 4.0 million. PECO provides electric distribution service in an area of approximately 1,900 square miles, with a population of approximately 3.9 million, including approximately 1.5 million in the City of Philadelphia. PECO provides natural gas distribution service in an area of approximately 1,900 square miles in southeastern Pennsylvania adjacent to the City of Philadelphia, with a population of approximately 2.4 million. PECO delivers electricity to approximately 1.6 million customers and natural gas to approximately 495,000 customers.

PECO was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1929. PECO's principal executive offices are located at 2301 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19101-8699, and its telephone number is 215-841-4000.

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We have provided the following summary financial information for your reference. We have derived the summary information presented here from the financial statements we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You should read the summary information together with our historical consolidated financial statements and the related notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#) in this prospectus supplement.

	Year Ended December 31,			Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2011	2010	2009	2012	2011
	(\$ in millions)			(\$ in millions)	
				(unaudited)	
<b>Income Statement Data</b>					
Operating revenues	\$ 3,720	\$ 5,519	\$ 5,311	\$ 1,590	\$ 1,996
Operating income	655	661	697	327	372
Net income on common stock	385	320	349	175	208
<b>Cash Flow Data</b>					
Cash interest paid, net of amount capitalized (a)	\$ 128	\$ 168	\$ 179	\$ 59	\$ 64
Capital expenditures (b)	(481)	(545)	(388)	(179)	(209)
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	818	1,150	1,166	409	359
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(557)	(120)	(377)	(157)	(371)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(589)	(811)	(525)	(174)	(191)
	As of December 31,			As of June 30,	
	2011	2010	2009	2012	2011
	(\$ in millions)			(\$ in millions)	
				(unaudited)	
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>					
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 5,874	\$ 5,620	\$ 5,297	\$ 5,960	
Regulatory assets, including current portion	1,255	977	1,834	1,270	
Total assets	9,156	8,985	9,019	9,204	
Long-term debt, including due within one year (a)	1,972	2,222	2,636	1,973	
Long-term debt to financing trusts (a)	184	184	184	184	
Total liabilities	6,131	6,015	6,367	6,175	
Preferred securities	87	87	87	87	
Total shareholder's equity	2,938	2,883	2,565	2,942	

(a) Amounts owed to PECO Energy Capital Trust IV, PECO Energy Capital Trust III for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 and to PECO Energy Transition Trust (PETT) for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 are recorded as debt to financing trusts within PECO's consolidated balance sheet.

(b) These amounts include investment in plant and plant removals, net.

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The following table provides our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges:

	Years Ended December 31,					Six Months Ended
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	June 30, 2012
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	3.9	3.1	3.7	3.3	4.7	5.0

The ratio of earnings to fixed charges represents, on a pre-tax basis, the number of times earnings cover fixed charges. Earnings consist of pre-tax net income from continuing operations after adjustment for income from equity investees and capitalized interest or allowance for funds used during construction, to which has been added fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest costs and amortization of debt discount and premium on all indebtedness and the estimated interest portion of all rental expense.

**RISK FACTORS**

Your investment in the bonds will involve certain risks. You should carefully consider the following discussion and the risks described under Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012 incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, the factors listed under Forward Looking Statements in this prospectus supplement and the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making a decision to invest in the bonds. See Where You Can Find More Information.

**There is no public market for the bonds.**

We can give no assurances concerning the liquidity of any market that may develop for the bonds offered hereby, the ability of any investor to sell any of the bonds, or the price at which investors would be able to sell them. If a market for the bonds does not develop, investors may be unable to resell the bonds for an extended period of time, if at all. If a market for the bonds does develop, it may not continue or it may not be sufficiently liquid to allow holders to resell any of their bonds. Consequently, investors may not be able to liquidate their investments readily, and lenders may not readily accept the bonds as collateral for loans.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We expect to receive the net proceeds from the sale of the bonds of approximately \$ , after deducting underwriters discounts and other estimated fees and expenses. We intend to use the net proceeds to pay at maturity \$225,000,000 aggregate principal amount of our 4.75% first mortgage bonds due October 1, 2012 and for other general corporate purposes.



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The following table sets forth our consolidated capitalization as of June 30, 2012, and as adjusted to give effect to the issuance and sale of the bonds and the use of the net proceeds from this offering as set forth under "Use of Proceeds" above. This table is qualified in its entirety by, and should be considered in conjunction with, the more detailed information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus supplement or in the accompanying prospectus.

	<b>As of June 30, 2012</b>	
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>As Adjusted</b>
	<b>(\$ in millions)</b>	
Long-term debt: (a)		
First mortgage bonds, including current maturities	\$ 1,975	\$
Long-term debt to financing trusts	184	184
Total shareholders' equity	2,942	2,942
<b>Total capitalization, including current maturities</b>	<b>\$ 5,101</b>	<b>\$</b>

(a) Includes \$2 million of unamortized debt discounts.

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS AND FIRST AND REFUNDING MORTGAGE**

The following description of the particular terms of the offered bonds is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. References in this description of the bonds and our First and Refunding Mortgage (Mortgage) to we, our, us or the Company are to PECO Energy Company only and not its subsidiaries and references to mortgage bonds means first and refunding mortgage bonds issued under the Mortgage, including the offered bonds.

**Securities Offered**

The bonds will be issued under our Mortgage as proposed to be further supplemented by a supplemental mortgage indenture relating to the bonds. The bonds will initially be limited in aggregate principal amount to \$ . We may issue additional mortgage bonds under our Mortgage with the same priority as the bonds offered by this prospectus supplement, including mortgage bonds having the same series designation and terms (except for the public offering price, the issue date and, in some cases, the first interest payment date) as the bonds offered by this prospectus supplement, without the approval of the holders of the outstanding mortgage bonds issued under our Mortgage, including the bonds offered by this prospectus supplement. The bonds will be secured equally with all other mortgage bonds outstanding or hereafter issued under our Mortgage. The bonds will be issued in book-entry form only in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

**Principal, Maturity and Interest**

Interest on the bonds will be payable on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning on March 15, 2013, until the principal is paid or made available for payment. Interest on the bonds will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. The bonds will mature on September 15, 2022.

The Company may fix a date, not more than fourteen calendar days prior to any interest payment date for the bonds, as a record date for determining the registered holders of the bonds entitled to interest payments. Only the registered holder on such record date will be entitled to receive a payment, notwithstanding any transfer of the bonds subsequent to such record date.

**Redemption at our Option**

At any time prior to June 15, 2022 (three months prior to the maturity date of the bonds), we may, at our option, redeem the bonds in whole or in part at any time at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

100% of the principal amount of the bonds to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, or

as determined by the Quotation Agent, the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the bonds to be redeemed (not including any portion of payments of interest accrued as of the redemption date) discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis at the Adjusted Treasury Rate plus basis points, plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

At any time on or after June 15, 2022 (three months prior to the maturity date of the bonds), we may, at our option, redeem the bonds in whole or in part at any time at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the bonds to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

The redemption price will be calculated assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

We will mail notice of any redemption at least 30 days, but not more than 45 days before the redemption date to each registered holder of the bonds to be redeemed.

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Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the bonds or portions of the bonds called for redemption.

**Adjusted Treasury Rate** means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per year equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for the redemption date.

**Business Day** means any day that is not a day on which banking institutions in New York City are authorized or required by law or regulation to close.

**Comparable Treasury Issue** means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the bonds that would be used, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the bonds.

**Comparable Treasury Price** means, with respect to any redemption date:

the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for that redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations; or

if the trustee obtains fewer than three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations so received.

**Quotation Agent** means the Reference Treasury Dealer appointed by us.

**Reference Treasury Dealer** means (1) each of BNP Paribas Securities Corp., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. and their respective successors, unless such entity ceases to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a **Primary Treasury Dealer**), in which case we shall substitute another Primary Treasury Dealer, and (2) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by us.

**Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations** means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the trustee, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the trustee by that Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day preceding that redemption date.

## **Form**

We will issue the bonds in the form of one or more global bonds in fully registered form initially in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The global bonds will be deposited with DTC and may not be transferred except as a whole by DTC to a nominee of DTC or by a nominee of DTC to DTC or another nominee of DTC or by DTC or any nominee to a successor of DTC or a nominee of such successor.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for (over 3.5 million issues of) U.S. and non-U.S. equity, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants (direct participants) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among direct participants of sales

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and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between direct participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly (indirect participants). The rules applicable to DTC and its direct and indirect participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com). We do not intend this internet address to be an active link or to otherwise incorporate the content of the website into this prospectus supplement.

Clearstream advises that it is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a bank. Clearstream holds securities for its customers and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its customers through electronic book-entry transfers between their accounts. Clearstream provides to its customers among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interfaces with domestic securities markets in over 30 countries through established depository and custodial relationships. As a bank, Clearstream is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Commission for the Supervision of the Financial Sector, also known as the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier*. Its customers are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Its customers in the United States are limited to securities brokers and dealers and banks. Indirect access to Clearstream is also available to other institutions such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with the customer.

Euroclear advises that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for its participants and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear provides various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. Euroclear Clearance establishes policy for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear participants. Euroclear participants include banks, including central banks, securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the Initial purchasers. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear participant, either directly or indirectly. Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear operator are governed by the terms and conditions governing use of Euroclear and the related operating procedures of Euroclear. These terms and conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear operator acts under the terms and conditions only on behalf of Euroclear participants and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear participants.

Euroclear further advises that investors that acquire, hold and transfer interests in the bonds by book-entry through accounts with the Euroclear operator or any other securities intermediary are subject to the laws and contractual provisions governing their relationship with their intermediary, as well as the laws and contractual provisions governing the relationship between such an intermediary and each other intermediary, if any, standing between themselves and the global securities.

Purchases of bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for the bonds in DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of bonds is in turn to be recorded on the direct and indirect participants' records. Beneficial owners of the bonds will not

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receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but beneficial owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participant through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of direct and indirect participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all bonds deposited by direct participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such bonds are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The direct and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants, and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. The laws of some jurisdictions may require that certain persons take physical delivery in definitive form of securities which they own. Consequently, those persons may be prohibited from purchasing beneficial interests in the global bonds from any beneficial owner or otherwise.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in such issue to be redeemed.

So long as DTC's nominee is the registered owner of the global bonds, such nominee for all purposes will be considered the sole owner or holder of the bonds for all purposes under the Indenture. Except as provided below, beneficial owners will not be entitled to have any of the bonds registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the bonds in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the Indenture.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the bonds. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an omnibus proxy to the issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts the bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy).

All payments on the global bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from trustees or issuers on payment dates in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of such participant and not of DTC, the trustee or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) shall be the responsibility of the Trustee or us, disbursement of such payments to direct participants shall be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners shall be the responsibility of direct and indirect participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its service as securities depository with respect to the bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to us or the Trustee. In addition, we may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In the event that a successor securities

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depository is not obtained under the above circumstances, or, alternatively, if an event of default with respect to the bonds has occurred and is continuing, bonds certificates in fully registered form are required to be printed and delivered to beneficial owners of the global bonds representing such bonds.

Secondary market trading between DTC participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC's rules and will be settled in immediately available funds using DTC's same-day funds settlement system. Secondary market trading between Clearstream customers and/or Euroclear participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Clearstream and Euroclear and will be settled using the procedures applicable to conventional Eurobonds in immediately available funds.

Cross market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through DTC on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream customers or Euroclear participants, on the other, will be effected in DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of the relevant European international clearing system by its U.S. depository; however, such cross market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the relevant European international clearing system by the counterparty in such system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines, in European time. The relevant European international clearing system will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its U.S. depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering interests in the bonds to or receiving interests in the bonds from DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Clearstream customers and Euroclear participants may not deliver instructions directly to their respective U.S. depositories.

Because of time-zone differences, credits of interests in the bonds received by Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a DTC participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following the DTC settlement date. Such credits or any transactions involving interests in such bonds settled during such processing will be reported to the relevant Clearstream customers or Euroclear participants on such business day. Cash received by Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of sales of interests in the bonds by or through a Clearstream customer or a Euroclear participant to a DTC participant will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the relevant Clearstream or Euroclear cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

The information in this section has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for its accuracy.

Neither we, the trustee nor the underwriters will have any responsibility or obligation to direct participants, or the persons for whom they act as nominees, with respect to the accuracy of the records of DTC, its nominee or any direct participant with respect to any ownership interest in the bonds, or payments to, or the providing of notice to direct participants or beneficial owners.

**Security**

The bonds will be secured equally with all other mortgage bonds outstanding or hereafter issued under our Mortgage by the lien of our Mortgage, subject to (1) minor exceptions and certain excepted encumbrances that are defined in the Mortgage and (2) the Mortgage trustee's prior lien for compensation and expenses, constitutes a first lien on substantially all of our properties. Our Mortgage does not constitute a lien on any property owned by our subsidiaries or affiliates. Our properties consist principally of electric transmission and distribution lines and substations, gas distribution facilities and general office and service buildings.

We may not issue securities which will rank ahead of the mortgage bonds as to security. We may acquire property subject to prior liens. If such property is made the basis for the issuance of additional mortgage bonds after we acquire it, all additional mortgage bonds issued under the prior lien must be pledged with the Mortgage trustee as additional security under our Mortgage.

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### **Authentication and Delivery of Additional Bonds**

Our Mortgage permits the issuance from time to time of additional mortgage bonds, without limit as to aggregate amount. Additional mortgage bonds of any series may be issued, subject to the provisions of the Mortgage, in principal amount equal to:

- (1) the principal amount of underlying mortgage bonds secured by a prior lien upon property acquired by us after March 1, 1937 and deposited with the Mortgage trustee under the Mortgage;
- (2) the principal amount of any such underlying mortgage bonds redeemed or retired, or for the payment, redemption or retirement of which funds have been deposited in trust;
- (3) the principal amount of mortgage bonds previously authenticated under the Mortgage on or after March 1, 1937, which have been delivered to the Mortgage trustee;
- (4) the principal amount of mortgage bonds previously issued under the Mortgage on or after March 1, 1937, which are being refunded or redeemed, if funds for the refunding or redemption have been deposited with the Mortgage trustee;
- (5) an amount not exceeding 60% of the actual cost or the fair value, whichever is less, of the net amount of permanent additions to the property subject to the lien of the Mortgage, made or acquired after November 30, 1941, and of additional plants or property acquired by us after November 30, 1941, and to be used in connection with its electric or gas business as part of one connected system and located in Pennsylvania or within 150 miles of Philadelphia; and
- (6) the amount of cash deposited with the Mortgage trustee, which cash shall not at any time exceed \$3,000,000 or 10% of the aggregate principal amount of mortgage bonds then outstanding under the Mortgage, whichever is greater, and which cash may subsequently be withdrawn to the extent of 60% of capital expenditures, as described in clause (5) above.

No additional bonds may be issued under our Mortgage as outlined in clauses (5) and (6) and, in certain cases, clause (3) above, unless the net earnings test of the Mortgage is satisfied. The net earnings test of the Mortgage, which relates only to the issuance of additional mortgage bonds, requires for 12 consecutive calendar months, within the 15 calendar months immediately preceding the application for such mortgage bonds, that our net earnings, after deductions for amounts set aside for renewal and replacement or depreciation reserves and before provision for income taxes, must have been equal to at least twice the annual interest charges on all mortgage bonds outstanding under the Mortgage (including those then applied for) and any other bonds secured by a lien on our property.

### **Release and Substitution of Property**

While no event of default exists, we may obtain the release of the lien of the Mortgage on mortgaged property which is sold or exchanged if (1) we deposit or pledge cash or purchase money obligations with the Mortgage trustee, or (2) in certain instances, if we substitute other property of equivalent value. The Mortgage also contains certain requirements relating to our withdrawal or application of proceeds of released property and other funds held by the Mortgage trustee.

### **Corporate Existence**

We may consolidate or merge with or into or convey, transfer or lease all, or substantially all, of the mortgaged property to any corporation lawfully entitled to acquire or lease and operate the property, provided that: such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease in no respect impairs the lien of the Mortgage or any rights or powers of the Mortgage trustee or the holders of the outstanding mortgage bonds; and such successor corporation executes and causes to be recorded an indenture which assumes all of the terms, covenants and conditions of the Mortgage and any indenture supplement thereto.





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The Mortgage does not contain any covenant or other provision that specifically is intended to afford holders of our mortgage bonds special protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction. The issuance of long-term debt securities by us requires the approval of the PAPUC.

### **Defaults**

Events of default are defined in the Mortgage as (1) default for 60 days in the payment of interest on mortgage bonds or sinking funds deposits under the Mortgage, (2) default in the payment of principal of bonds under the Mortgage at maturity or upon redemption, (3) default in the performance of any other covenant in the Mortgage continuing for a period of 60 days after written notice from the trustee, and (4) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency of our company.

Upon the authentication and delivery of additional mortgage bonds or the release of cash or property, we are required to file documents and reports with the Mortgage trustee with respect to the absence of default.

### **Rights of Bondholders upon Default**

Upon the occurrence of an event of default, the Mortgage trustee may, or if requested by the holders of a majority in principal amount of all the outstanding mortgage bonds must, accelerate the maturity of the mortgage bonds and enforce the lien of the Mortgage. Prior to any sale of mortgaged property by the Mortgage trustee under the Mortgage, and upon the remedying of all defaults, any such acceleration of the maturity of the mortgage bonds may be annulled by the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of all the outstanding mortgage bonds. The Mortgage permits the Mortgage trustee to require indemnity before proceeding to enforce the lien of the Mortgage.

### **Amendments**

We and the Mortgage trustee may amend the Mortgage without the consent of the holders of the mortgage bonds: (1) to subject additional property to the lien of the Mortgage; (2) to define the covenants and provisions permitted under or not inconsistent with the Mortgage; (3) to add to the limitations of the authorized amounts, date of maturity, method, conditions and purposes of issue of any bonds issued under the Mortgage; (4) to evidence the succession of another corporation to us and the assumption by a successor corporation of our covenants and obligations under the Mortgage; or (5) to make such provision in regard to matters or questions arising under the Mortgage as may be necessary or desirable and not inconsistent with the Mortgage.

We and the Mortgage trustee may amend the Mortgage or modify in any manner the rights of the holders of the mortgage bonds with the written consent of at least 66 2/3% of the principal amount of the mortgage bonds then outstanding; provided, that no such amendment shall, without the written consent of the holder of each outstanding mortgage bond affected thereby: (1) change the date of maturity of the principal of, or any installment hereof on, any mortgage bond, or reduce the principal amount of any mortgage bond or the interest thereon or any premium payable on the redemption thereof, or change any place of payment where, or currency in which, any mortgage bond or interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the date of maturity thereof; or (2) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the outstanding mortgage bonds, the consent of whose holders is required for any amendment, waiver of compliance with the provisions of the Mortgage or certain defaults and their consequences; or (3) modify any of the amendment provisions or Section 22 of Article VIII (relating to waiver of default), except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of the Mortgage cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each mortgage bond affected thereby.

### **Governing Law**

The Mortgage is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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**Mortgage Trustee**

U.S. Bank National Association, the trustee under the Mortgage, is the registrar and disbursing agent for our mortgage bonds. U.S. Bank National Association is also our depository, from time to time makes loans to us and is trustee for eight series of senior unsecured notes of our affiliate, Exelon Generation Company, LLC.

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**CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES**

The following is a general discussion of certain United States federal income tax consequences material to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the bonds. This discussion deals only with bonds that are held as capital assets (as that term is defined in section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code) by a purchaser of the bonds that acquires the bonds for cash in the initial offering at their issue price within the meaning of Section 1273 of the Code (the first price at which a substantial amount of the bonds is sold for money to investors, not including sales to bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers) and who are beneficial owners of the bonds. The tax consequences to persons acquiring bonds at other prices or in other circumstances may be materially different. The statements set forth in the following discussion, to the extent they constitute matters of United States federal income tax law or legal conclusions with respect thereto, represent the opinion of Ballard Spahr LLP.

This discussion is based on the Code, United States Treasury regulations issued under the Code and associated administrative and judicial interpretations, all as they currently exist as of the date of this prospectus supplement. These income tax laws and regulations, however, are subject to different interpretation and may change at any time, and any change could be retroactive. There can be no assurance that a change in law will not alter significantly the tax considerations described in this discussion.

This discussion does not represent a detailed description of the United States federal income tax consequences to purchasers of the bonds in light of their particular circumstances. It does not represent a detailed description of the United States federal income tax consequences applicable to beneficial owners of bonds subject to special treatment under the United States federal income tax laws (including, without limitation, insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, banks, certain financial institutions, real estate investment trusts, regulated investment companies, dealers, passive foreign investment companies, controlled foreign corporation, personal holding companies and traders in securities, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, persons holding a bond as a position in a straddle, hedging, constructive sale, conversion or other integrated transaction, or who mark their securities to market for federal income tax purposes, trusts and estates, pass-through entities (including partnerships), partners or other owners in pass-through entities, former United States citizens or long-term residents subject to tax as expatriates under Section 877 of the Code or a United States person whose functional currency is other than the United States dollar). This discussion does not discuss the tax consequences for a beneficial owner of a bond that is not a United States person (as defined below) for United States federal income tax purposes. This discussion does not address any foreign, state, local or non-income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the bonds to the beneficial owner of a bond.

For purposes of this summary, a United States person means a beneficial owner of a bond or bonds that is for United States federal income tax purposes:

an individual citizen or resident of the United States, including an alien individual who is a lawful permanent resident of the United States or who meets the substantial presence test under Section 7701(b) of the Code;

a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States (or any state thereof or the District of Columbia);

an estate whose income is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust if (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more United States persons (within the meaning of the Code) have the authority to control all of its substantial decisions, or (ii) such trust has a valid election in effect under applicable United States Treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person.

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Under the substantial presence test referred to above, an individual may, subject to certain exceptions, be deemed to be a resident of the United States by reason of being present in the United States for at least 31 days in the calendar year and for an aggregate of at least 183 days during a three-year period ending on the last day of the current calendar year (counting for such purposes all of the days present in the current year, one-third of the days present in the immediately preceding year and one-sixth of the days present in the second preceding year).

If a partnership owns the bonds, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partnership or a partner in a partnership, you should consult your own tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of purchase, ownership and disposition of the bonds.

We have not sought a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or the IRS with respect to any matters discussed herein and we cannot assure you that the IRS will not take a different position concerning the tax consequences of purchase, ownership or disposition of the bonds or that any such position would not be sustained.

## **Interest**

Interest on a bond will be taxed to a beneficial owner of a bond as ordinary interest income at the time it accrues or is received, in accordance with the beneficial owner's regular method of accounting for federal income tax purposes.

## **Original Issue Discount**

If the bonds are issued with original issue discount or OID for U.S. federal income tax purposes, special tax accounting rules apply. In general, the bonds will be treated as issued with OID if the issue price of the bonds is less than their stated redemption price at maturity. If the amount of such OID is de minimis (i.e., less than 0.25% of the stated redemption price at maturity multiplied by the number of complete years to maturity), the special tax accounting rules applicable to OID will not apply. Regardless of the regular method of accounting used by an owner of bonds for U.S. federal income tax purposes, OID (other than de minimis amounts) generally must be accrued into gross income on a constant yield basis, in advance of the receipt of some or all of the cash attributable to such OID.

The issue price of debt securities is the initial offering price to the public at which a substantial amount of the debt securities is sold for cash (ignoring sales to bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers). The stated redemption price at maturity of debt securities is the sum of all payments to be made on the debt securities other than qualified stated interest payments. A qualified stated interest payment is stated interest that is unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate (appropriately taking into account the length of the interval between payments).

The bonds are not expected to be issued with OID, except that there may be a discount that constitutes a de minimis amount of OID. An owner of bonds with de minimis OID will include such amount in income as principal payments are made on the bonds. Such income will be taxable as long-term capital gain if the bonds are held for more than one year when principal is repaid.

## **Disposition of a Bond**

Upon the sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of a bond, a beneficial owner of a bond generally will recognize taxable gain or loss equal to the difference, if any, between the amount realized on the sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition (not including any amount attributable to accrued but unpaid interest) and the beneficial owner's adjusted tax basis in the bond. Any amount attributable to accrued but unpaid interest

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will be treated as a payment of interest and taxed in the manner described above under Interest. In general, the beneficial owner's adjusted tax basis in a bond will be equal to the initial purchase price of the bond paid by the beneficial owner, reduced by the amount of principal payments on the bond received before such date of sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition (if any) and increased by OID previously included in income.

Gain or loss recognized on the sale, exchange, redemption or retirement of a bond generally will be capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if, at the time of sale, exchange, redemption or retirement, the bond has been held by the investor for more than one year. For individuals, the excess of net long-term capital gains over net short-term capital losses generally is taxed at a lower rate than ordinary income. Capital losses are, with very limited exception, deductible only to the extent of capital gains recognized during the taxable year. Any excess capital losses may be carried over to and deducted in other taxable years subject to certain limitations.

## **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

Information reporting requirements apply to interest, accruals of OID (if any) and principal payments and to the proceeds of sales or other dispositions before maturity by, owners of bonds (other than corporations). Generally, we must report annually to the IRS, the amount of interest that we paid to the beneficial owner of a bond and the amount of tax that we withheld on that interest. In addition, backup withholding is required on such payments unless a beneficial owner of a bond furnishes a correct taxpayer identification number (which for an individual is generally the individual's Social Security Number) and certifies on an IRS Form W-9, under penalties of perjury, that the beneficial owner is not subject to backup withholding and otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules.

The current rate of backup withholding is 28% of the amount paid and is scheduled to increase to 31% for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. Backup withholding does not apply with respect to payments made to certain exempt recipients, such as corporations and tax-exempt organizations. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or credit against a bond owner's federal income tax liability, provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

## **Unearned Income Medicare Contribution Tax**

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, certain owners of bonds that are individuals, trusts, or estates will additionally be subject to a 3.8% Unearned Income Medicare Contribution Tax on the lesser of (1) the U.S. Holder's net investment income for the relevant taxable year and (2) the excess of the U.S. Holder's adjusted gross income (increased by certain amounts of excluded foreign income) for the taxable year over a certain threshold (which will be between \$125,000 and \$250,000, depending on the circumstances). Net investment income will generally include such investor's interest income and net gain from the disposition of bonds, unless such interest income and net gain is derived in the ordinary course of a trade or business (other than a trade or business that consists of certain passive or trading activities). Net investment income may, however, be reduced by properly allocable deductions to such income. Investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the applicability of the Unearned Income Medicare Contribution Tax to their income and gains from the bonds.

## **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act**

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act or FATCA as initially enacted, would apply to bonds issued after March 18, 2012. However, recently issued proposed Treasury Regulations would extend the grandfathering date and provide that FATCA generally would not apply to bonds that are outstanding on January 1, 2013 (unless the bond undergoes a significant modification, within the meaning of Section 1.1001-3 of the Treasury regulations promulgated under the Code), although beneficial owners of bonds cannot rely on the proposed Treasury

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regulations until they become finalized. If FATCA does apply to the bonds, under the current rules (and not the proposed regulations), FATCA would impose a U.S. federal withholding tax of 30% on certain payments (including interest payments and gross proceeds from debt instruments, such as the bonds) made to certain foreign entities (including, in some instances, where the foreign entities are acting as intermediaries) that fail to comply with certain certification and information reporting requirements. Furthermore, new legislation, for tax years beginning after March 18, 2010, requires that certain beneficial owners of bonds who hold the bonds through certain foreign financial institutions and who have specified foreign assets in excess of certain threshold amounts, report certain information to the IRS on IRS Form 8938 Statement of Specified Foreign Assets (or appropriate successor form). Significant penalties can apply if certain beneficial owners of bonds fail to disclose their specified foreign assets as required under the Code. The FATCA rules remain subject to change and future IRS guidance. Prospective owners of bonds are encouraged to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the implications of new legislation, including FATCA, on their investment in the bonds.

**The United States federal income tax discussion set forth above is included for general information only and may not be applicable depending upon a beneficial owner's particular situation. Prospective purchasers of the bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences to them of the purchase, ownership and disposition of bonds, including the tax consequences under state, local, foreign and other tax laws and tax treaties and the possible effects of changes in United States or other tax laws.**

**Table of Contents****UNDERWRITING**

We are selling the bonds to the underwriters named in the table below pursuant to an underwriting agreement dated the date hereof, and each of the underwriters has severally agreed to purchase from us the respective amount of the bonds set forth opposite its name below:

<b>Underwriter</b>	<b>Principal Amount</b>
BNP Paribas Securities Corp.	\$
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.	
Total	\$

The obligations of the several underwriters to purchase the bonds are subject to certain conditions as set forth in the underwriting agreement. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all of the bonds if they purchase any of the bonds. The underwriting agreement also provides that if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of the non-defaulting underwriter may be increased or the offering of bonds may be terminated. The offering of the bonds by the underwriters is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the underwriters' right to reject any order in whole or in part.

We have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, or to contribute with respect to payments which the underwriters may be required to make in respect of any of those liabilities.

We expect to deliver the bonds on or about the date specified on the cover page of this prospectus supplement, which will be the fifth business day following the date of this prospectus supplement (T + 5). Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade bonds on the date of this prospectus supplement or the next succeeding business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the bonds initially will settle in T + 5, to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent failed settlement and should consult their own advisors.

**Commissions and Discounts**

The underwriters have advised us that they propose to initially offer the bonds to the public at the price to public appearing on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and may also offer the bonds to certain securities dealers at the price to public on the cover of this prospectus supplement less a concession of % of the principal amount of the bonds. The underwriters may allow, and such dealers may re-allow, a discount not in excess of % of the principal amount of the bonds to certain brokers and dealers. After the initial public offering, the price to public, concession and discount may be changed.

Our expenses associated with the offer and sale of the bonds, excluding underwriting discounts, are estimated to be approximately \$ .

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### **New Issue of Bonds**

The bonds are a new issue of securities with no established trading market, and the underwriters are not obligated to make a market in the bonds. We do not intend to apply for listing of the bonds on any securities exchange. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the bonds but are not obligated to do so and may discontinue such market-making activities at any time without notice. We cannot give any assurance as to the maintenance of the trading market for, or the liquidity of, the bonds, the ability of the holders to sell their bonds or the price at which holders will be able to sell their bonds.

### **Price Stabilization and Short Positions**

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize the price of the bonds. These transactions may include purchases for the purpose of fixing or maintaining the price of the bonds.

The underwriters may create a short position in the bonds in connection with the offering. That means they sell a larger principal amount of the bonds than is shown on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. If they create a short position, the underwriters may purchase bonds in the open market to reduce the short position.

If the underwriters purchase the bonds to stabilize the price or to reduce their short position, the price of the bonds could be higher than it might be if they had not made such purchases. The underwriters make no representation or prediction about any effect that purchases may have on the price of the bonds and any of such transactions may be discontinued at any time.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the underwriters or their affiliates have repurchased bonds sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

### **Other Relationships**

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities. From time to time, in the ordinary course of business, the underwriters and their respective affiliates have engaged and may in the future engage, in sales and trading, commercial banking, investment banking advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage and other financial and non-financial activities and services and/or other transactions of a financial nature with us and our affiliates. Consequently, they have received, and in the future may continue to receive, customary fees and commissions for these services. The underwriters or their affiliates may provide credit to us or our affiliates as lenders from time to time, including under our existing revolving credit facility. In addition, U.S. Bank National Association, an affiliate of U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., serves as trustee under the Mortgage under which the bonds offered hereby will be issued.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. If any of the underwriters or their affiliates has a lending relationship with us, certain of those underwriters or their affiliates routinely hedge, and certain other of those underwriters or their affiliates may hedge, their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the bonds offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the bonds offered hereby. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.



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### **Notice to Investors in Certain Jurisdictions**

#### *European Economic Area*

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date) it has not made and will not make an offer of bonds which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

- (a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the issuer for any such offer; or
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of bonds shall require the issuer or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of bonds to the public in relation to any bonds in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the bonds to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the bonds, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

#### *United Kingdom*

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

- (a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the bonds in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the issuer; and
- (b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the bonds in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

#### *Hong Kong*

The bonds may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the bonds may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to bonds which are or are intended to be disposed of only



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to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

### *Japan*

The bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law) and each underwriter has agreed that it will not offer or sell any securities, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

### *Singapore*

This prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the bonds may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the bonds be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the bonds are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the bonds under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or (3) by operation of law.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

Ballard Spahr LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will render an opinion as to the validity of the bonds for us, and certain legal matters will be passed on for the underwriters by Winston & Strawn LLP, Chicago, Illinois. Winston & Strawn LLP provides legal services to Exelon and its subsidiaries from time to time.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information filed by us with the SEC, which means that we can refer you to important information without restating it in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and should be read with the same care. Exelon, Generation, ComEd, PECO and BGE file combined reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act). Information contained in the combined reports relating to each registrant is filed separately by such registrant on its own behalf and only the information related to PECO is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. PECO does not make any representation as to information relating to any other registrant or securities issued by any other registrant and you should not rely on any information relating to any registrant other than PECO in determining whether to invest in the bonds. We incorporate by reference our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012, our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 17, 2012, February 16, 2012, February 21, 2012, March 14, 2012, March 16, 2012, August 13, 2012 and August 31, 2012 and any future filings that we make with the SEC under the Exchange Act if the filings are made prior to the time that all of the bonds are sold in this offering. You can also find more information about us from the sources described under Documents Incorporated by Reference in the accompanying prospectus.

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Exelon Corporation (Exelon) may use this prospectus to offer and sell from time to time:

unsecured senior debt securities;

common stock;

stock purchase contracts;

stock purchase units;

preferred stock in one or more series;

subordinated debt securities to be purchased by Exelon Capital Trust I, Exelon Capital Trust II and/or Exelon Capital Trust III; and

guarantees of trust preferred securities sold by Exelon Capital Trust I, Exelon Capital Trust II and Exelon Capital Trust III. Exelon Capital Trust I, Exelon Capital Trust II and Exelon Capital Trust III may use this prospectus to offer and sell from time to time trust preferred securities that will be guaranteed by Exelon Corporation.

Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Generation) may use this prospectus to offer and sell from time to time:

unsecured senior debt securities; and

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Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) may use this prospectus to offer and sell from time to time:

preferred stock in one or more series; and

senior debt securities.

PECO Energy Company (PECO) may use this prospectus to offer and sell from time to time:

preferred stock in one or more series;

one or more series of first and refunding mortgage bonds;

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subordinated debt securities to be purchased by PECO Energy Capital Trust V and/or PECO Energy Capital Trust VI; and

guarantees of trust preferred securities sold by PECO Energy Capital Trust V and PECO Energy Capital Trust VI. PECO Energy Capital Trust V and PECO Energy Capital Trust VI may use this prospectus to offer and sell from time to time trust preferred securities that will be guaranteed by PECO.

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) may use this prospectus to offer and sell from time to time:

unsecured debt securities;

senior secured bonds; and

preferred stock in one or more series.

Exelon, Generation, ComEd, PECO and BGE sometimes refer to the securities listed above as the Securities.

Exelon, Generation, ComEd, PECO and BGE will provide the specific terms of the Securities in supplements to this prospectus prepared in connection with each offering. Please read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest. This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of the offered Securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.



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Exelon's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, under the symbol EXC.

**Please see Risk Factors beginning on page 2 for a discussion of factors you should consider in connection with a purchase of the Securities offered in this prospectus.**

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the Securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is May 29, 2012.

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that Exelon, Generation, ComEd, PECO and BGE have each filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, each of us may, from time to time, sell our Securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. Each time Exelon, Generation, ComEd, PECO or BGE (each, a registrant) sells Securities, the registrant will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain a description of the Securities the registrant will offer and specific information about the terms of the offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the prospectus supplement, you should rely on the prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under [Where You Can Find More Information](#).

Information contained herein relating to each registrant is filed separately by such registrant on its own behalf. No registrant makes any representation as to information relating to any other registrant or Securities issued by any other registrant, except that information relating to (i) Exelon Capital Trust I, Exelon Capital Trust II and Exelon Capital Trust III's Securities is also attributed to Exelon and (ii) PECO Energy Capital Trust V and PECO Energy Capital Trust VI's Securities is also attributed to PECO.

As used in this prospectus, the terms [we](#), [our](#) and [us](#) generally refer to:

[Exelon](#) with respect to Securities issued by Exelon.

[Generation](#) with respect to Securities issued by Generation.

[ComEd](#) with respect to Securities issued by ComEd.

[PECO](#) with respect to Securities issued by PECO.

[BGE](#) with respect to Securities issued by BGE.

All references to [the Exelon Trusts](#) mean Exelon Capital Trust I, Exelon Capital Trust II and Exelon Capital Trust III. All references to [the PECO Trusts](#) means PECO Energy Capital Trust V and PECO Energy Capital Trust VI.

None of the registrants will guarantee or provide other credit or funding support for the Securities to be offered by another registrant pursuant to this prospectus, except Exelon with respect to Securities issued by the Exelon Trusts and PECO with respect to Securities issued by the PECO Trusts.

We are not offering the Securities in any state where the offer is not permitted.

For more detailed information about the Securities, you should read the exhibits to the registration statement. Those exhibits have either been filed with the registration statement or incorporated by reference to earlier SEC filings listed in the registration statement.

**You should rely only on information contained in this prospectus and which is incorporated by reference or the documents to which we have referred you. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different. This prospectus and related prospectus supplement may be used only where it is legal to sell these securities. The information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement may only be accurate on the date of this document. The business of the registrant, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.**

Please see [Risk Factors](#) beginning on page 2 for a discussion of factors you should consider in connection with a purchase of the Securities offered in this prospectus.



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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus and the documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference as described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" contain forward-looking statements that are not based entirely on historical facts and are subject to risks and uncertainties. Words such as "believes," "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "predicts" and "estimates" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements but are not the only means to identify those statements. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions, expectations and assessments made by our management in light of their experience and their perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors they believe to be appropriate. Any forward-looking statements are not guarantees of our future performance and are subject to risks and uncertainties.

The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements include: (a) any risk factors discussed in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement; (b) those factors discussed in the following sections of Exelon, Generation, PECO and ComEd's combined 2011 Annual Reports on Form 10-K: ITEM 1A. Risk Factors, ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data: Note 18; (c) those factors discussed in the following sections of BGE's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K: ITEM 1A. Risk Factors, ITEM 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data: Note 12 and (d) other factors discussed herein and in other filings with the SEC by Exelon, Generation, ComEd, PECO and BGE, as applicable.

You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date on the front of this prospectus or, as the case may be, as of the date on which we make any subsequent forward-looking statement that is deemed incorporated by reference. We do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date as of which any such forward-looking statement is made.

**RISK FACTORS**

Investing in the Securities involves various risks. You are urged to read and consider the risk factors described in: (a) the combined Annual Reports on Form 10-K of Exelon, Generation, ComEd and PECO, as applicable, for the year ended December 31, 2011, filed with the SEC on February 9, 2012; and (b) the Annual Report on Form 10-K of BGE for the year ended December 31, 2011, filed with the SEC on February 29, 2012. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus. The prospectus supplement applicable to each type or series of Securities offered by one of the registrants will contain a discussion of additional risks applicable to an investment in such registrant and the particular type of Securities the registrant is offering under that prospectus supplement.

**EXELON CORPORATION**

Exelon, a utility services holding company, operates through its principal subsidiaries: Generation, ComEd, PECO and BGE.

Exelon was incorporated in Pennsylvania in February 1999. Exelon's principal executive offices are located at 10 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, and its telephone number is 312-394-7398.

On March 12, 2012, Exelon completed the merger contemplated by the Merger Agreement, dated as of April 28, 2011, among Exelon, Bolt Acquisition Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Exelon (Merger Sub)

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and Constellation Energy Group, Inc. As a result of that merger, Merger Sub was merged with and into Constellation (the Initial Merger) and Constellation became a wholly owned subsidiary of Exelon. Following the completion of the Initial Merger, Exelon and Constellation completed a series of internal corporate organizational restructuring transactions. Constellation merged with and into Exelon, with Exelon continuing as the surviving corporation (the Upstream Merger). Simultaneously with the Upstream Merger, Constellation's interest in RF Holdco LLC, which held Constellation's interest in BGE, was transferred to Exelon Energy Delivery Company, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Exelon that also owns Exelon's interest in ComEd and PECO. Following the Upstream Merger and the transfer of the interest in RF Holdco LLC, Exelon contributed to Generation certain subsidiaries, including the generation and customer supply businesses that were acquired from Constellation as a result of the Initial Merger and the Upstream Merger.

**EXELON GENERATION COMPANY, LLC**

Generation was formed in 2000 as a Pennsylvania limited liability company. Generation began operations as a result of a corporate restructuring, effective January 1, 2001, in which Exelon separated its generation and other competitive businesses from its regulated energy delivery businesses at ComEd and PECO. Generation's principal executive offices are located at 300 Exelon Way, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania 19348, and its telephone number is 610-765-5959.

Generation is one of the largest competitive electric generation companies in the United States, as measured by owned and controlled megawatts. Generation combines its large generation fleet with an experienced wholesale energy marketing operation and a competitive retail supply operation. Generation's presence in well-developed wholesale energy markets, integrated hedging strategy that mitigates the adverse impact of short-term market volatility, and low-cost nuclear generating fleet, which is operated consistently at high capacity factors, position it well to succeed in competitive energy markets. Generation's business consists of its owned and contracted electric generating facilities, its wholesale energy marketing operations and its competitive retail supply operations.

Generation has six reportable segments, which are largely representative of the footprints of an Independent System Operator / Regional Transmission Operator and/or North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) region. Descriptions of each of Generation's six reportable segments are as follows:

Mid-Atlantic represents operations in the eastern half of PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM), which includes Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, the District of Columbia and parts of North Carolina.

Midwest represents operations in the western half of PJM, which includes portions of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee, and the entire United States footprint of Midwest Independent Transmission Systems Operator, Inc. (MISO), which covers all or most of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, the remaining parts of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio not covered by PJM, and parts of Montana, Missouri and Kentucky.

New England represents the operations within ISO New England, Inc. covering the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

New York represents operations within New York ISO, which covers the state of New York in its entirety.

ERCOT represents operations within Electric Reliability Council of Texas, covering most of the state of Texas.

Other Regions not considered individually significant:

South represents operations in the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council and the remaining portions of the SERC Reliability Corporation not included within MISO or PJM, which includes



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all or most of Florida, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and parts of Missouri, Kentucky and Texas. Generation's South region also includes operations in the Southwest Power Pool, covering Kansas, Oklahoma, most of Nebraska and parts of New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi and Arkansas.

West represents operations in the Western Electric Coordinating Council, which includes California ISO, and covers the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, and parts of New Mexico, Wyoming and South Dakota.

Canada represents operations across the entire country of Canada and includes the Alberta Electric Systems Operator, Ontario Independent Electricity System Operator and the Canadian portion of MISO.

Generation's other business activities include retail and wholesale gas, upstream natural gas, proprietary trading, energy efficiency and demand response, the design, construction and operation of renewable energy, heating, cooling and cogeneration facilities, and home improvements, sales of electric and gas appliances, servicing of heating, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical and indoor air quality systems.

Generation is a public utility under the Federal Power Act, and is subject to the exclusive ratemaking jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) over wholesale sales of electricity and the transmission of electricity in interstate commerce.

**COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY**

ComEd is engaged principally in the purchase and regulated retail sale of electricity and the provision of distribution and transmission services to a diverse base of residential, commercial and industrial customers in northern Illinois. ComEd is a public utility under the Illinois Public Utilities Act subject to regulation by the Illinois Commerce Commission with respect to distribution rates and service, the issuance of securities, and certain other aspects of ComEd's business. ComEd is a public utility under the Federal Power Act subject to regulation by FERC with respect to transmission rates and certain other aspects of ComEd's business. Specific operations of ComEd are also subject to the jurisdiction of various other Federal, state, regional and local agencies. Additionally, ComEd is subject to mandatory reliability standards set by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC).

ComEd's retail service territory has an area of approximately 11,400 square miles and an estimated population of 9 million. The service territory includes the City of Chicago, an area of about 225 square miles with an estimated population of 3 million. ComEd has approximately 3.8 million customers.

ComEd was organized in the State of Illinois in 1913 as a result of the merger of Cosmopolitan Electric Company into the original corporation named Commonwealth Edison Company, which was incorporated in 1907. ComEd's principal executive offices are located at 440 South LaSalle Street, Suite 3300, Chicago, Illinois 60605, and its telephone number is (312) 394-4321.

**PECO ENERGY COMPANY**

PECO is engaged principally in the purchase and regulated retail sale of electricity and the provision of transmission and distribution services to retail customers in southeastern Pennsylvania, including the City of Philadelphia, as well as the purchase and regulated retail sale of natural gas and the provision of distribution services to retail customers in the Pennsylvania counties surrounding the City of Philadelphia. PECO is a public utility under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code subject to regulation by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission with respect to electric and gas distribution rates and service, the issuances of certain securities and certain other aspects of PECO's operations. PECO is a public utility under the Federal Power Act subject to



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regulation by FERC with respect to transmission rates and certain other aspects of PECO's business and by the U.S. Department of Transportation as to pipeline safety and other areas of gas operations. Specific operations of PECO are subject to the jurisdiction of various other Federal, state, regional and local agencies. Additionally, PECO is also subject to NERC mandatory reliability standards.

PECO's combined electric and natural gas retail service territory has an area of approximately 2,100 square miles and an estimated population of 4.0 million. PECO provides electric distribution service in an area of approximately 1,900 square miles, with a population of approximately 3.9 million, including approximately 1.5 million in the City of Philadelphia. PECO provides natural gas distribution service in an area of approximately 1,900 square miles in southeastern Pennsylvania adjacent to the City of Philadelphia, with a population of approximately 2.4 million. PECO delivers electricity to approximately 1.6 million customers and natural gas to approximately 494,000 customers.

PECO was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1929. PECO's principal executive offices are located at 2301 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19101-8699, and its telephone number is 215-841-4000.

**BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**

BGE is a regulated electric transmission and distribution utility company and a regulated gas distribution utility company with a service territory that covers the City of Baltimore and all or part of ten counties in central Maryland. BGE is a public utility under the Maryland Public Utility Code subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission of Maryland with respect to electric and gas distribution rates and service, the issuances of certain securities and certain other aspects of BGE's operations. BGE is a public utility under the Federal Power Act subject to regulation by FERC with respect to transmission rates and certain other aspects of BGE's business. Specific operations of BGE are subject to the jurisdiction of various other Federal, state, regional and local agencies. Additionally, BGE is also subject to NERC mandatory reliability standards and by the U.S. Department of Transportation as to pipeline safety and other areas of gas operations.

BGE's electric service territory includes an area of approximately 2,300 square miles. BGE's gas service territory includes an area of approximately 800 square miles. BGE delivers electricity to approximately 1.2 million customers and natural gas to approximately 653,000 customers.

BGE was incorporated in the State of Maryland in 1906. BGE's principal executive offices are located at 2 Center Plaza, 110 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, and its telephone number is (410) 234-5000.

**EXELON CAPITAL TRUST I, EXELON CAPITAL TRUST II AND**

**EXELON CAPITAL TRUST III**

Each of Exelon Capital Trust I, Exelon Capital Trust II and Exelon Capital Trust III is a Delaware statutory trust that was formed on August 25, 2003. Each of the Exelon Trust's businesses is defined in a declaration of trust, dated as of August 25, 2003, executed by Exelon, as sponsor, and certain of the trustees specified below. The declaration of trust for an Exelon Trust will be amended and restated in its entirety as of the date trust preferred securities are initially issued by the applicable Exelon Trust. Each declaration, as amended and restated, is referred to in this prospectus individually as the Exelon Trust Agreement, and collectively as the Exelon Trust Agreements. The Exelon Trust Agreements were qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

The Exelon Trusts exist for the exclusive purposes of:

issuing and selling their trust preferred securities and trust common securities;

using the proceeds from the sale of the trust common securities and trust preferred securities to acquire the subordinated debt securities from Exelon; and

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engaging in only those other activities necessary or incidental to these purposes.

The Exelon Trusts will have no assets other than the subordinated debt securities. The Exelon Trusts will have no revenue other than payments under the subordinated debt securities. Each Exelon Trust has a term of 30 years, but may dissolve earlier as provided in the Exelon Trust Agreements.

Exelon will, directly or indirectly, acquire all of the trust common securities of each Exelon Trust, which will have an aggregate liquidation amount equal to at least 3% of the total capital of the issuing trust.

Each Exelon Trust's business and affairs will be conducted by its trustees, as provided in the Exelon Trust Agreements. At the time of the issuance of the trust preferred securities, the trustees for the issuing Exelon Trust will be U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as the property trustee and the Delaware trustee, and three of our employees as administrative trustees. Exelon, as holder of the trust common securities, or, if an event of default under the applicable trust agreement has occurred and is continuing, the holders of not less than a majority in liquidation amount of the trust preferred securities, will be entitled to appoint, remove or replace the property trustee and the Delaware trustee. In no event will the holders of the trust preferred securities have the right to vote to appoint, remove or replace the administrative trustees. Only the holder of the trust common securities will be entitled to do that.

For so long as the trust preferred securities remain outstanding, Exelon will:

maintain directly or indirectly 100% ownership of the trust common securities;

use its reasonable efforts to cause the issuing Exelon Trust to remain a statutory trust and not to voluntarily dissolve, wind-up, liquidate or be terminated, except as permitted by the applicable Exelon Trust Agreement; and

use its reasonable efforts to cause the issuing Exelon Trust to continue to be treated as a grantor trust and not an association taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes.

Exelon will pay all of the issuing Exelon Trust's fees and expenses, including those related to the offering of the trust preferred securities. In addition, Exelon will guarantee payments on the trust preferred securities to the extent that the issuing Exelon Trust has funds to make payments on the trust preferred securities.

The rights of the holders of the trust preferred securities are set forth in the Exelon Trust Agreements and the Delaware Statutory Trust Act.

The location of each Exelon Trust's principal executive office is 10 South Dearborn Street, 52nd Floor, P.O. Box 805379, Chicago, Illinois 60680-5379, and the telephone number is 312-394-7398.

**PECO ENERGY CAPITAL TRUST V AND PECO ENERGY CAPITAL TRUST VI**

Each of PECO Energy Capital Trust V and PECO Energy Capital Trust VI is a Delaware statutory trust that was formed on May 9, 2003. Each of the PECO Trust's businesses is defined in a declaration of trust, dated as of May 9, 2003, executed by PECO, as sponsor, and the trustees specified below. The declaration of trust for a PECO Trust will be amended and restated in its entirety as of the date trust preferred securities are initially issued by the applicable PECO Trust. Each declaration, as amended and restated, is referred to in this prospectus individually as the PECO Trust Agreement, and collectively as the PECO Trust Agreements. The PECO Trust Agreements were qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

The PECO Trusts exist for the exclusive purposes of:

issuing and selling their trust preferred securities and trust common securities;



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using the proceeds from the sale of the trust common securities and trust preferred securities to acquire the subordinated debt securities from PECO; and

engaging in only those other activities necessary or incidental to these purposes.

The PECO Trusts will have no assets other than the subordinated debt securities. The PECO Trusts will have no revenue other than payments under the subordinated debt securities. Each PECO Trust has a term of 30 years, but may dissolve earlier as provided in the PECO Trust Agreements.

PECO will, directly or indirectly, acquire all of the trust common securities of each PECO Trust, which will have an aggregate liquidation amount equal to at least 3% of the total capital of the issuing PECO Trust.

Each PECO Trust's business and affairs will be conducted by its trustees, as provided in the PECO Trust Agreements. At the time of the issuance of the trust preferred securities, the trustees for the issuing PECO Trust will be U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, as the property trustee and the Delaware trustee, and three of our employees as administrative trustees. PECO, as holder of the trust common securities, or, if an event of default under the applicable trust agreement has occurred and is continuing, the holders of not less than a majority in liquidation amount of the trust preferred securities, will be entitled to appoint, remove or replace the property trustee and the Delaware trustee. In no event will the holders of the trust preferred securities have the right to vote to appoint, remove or replace the administrative trustees. Only the holder of the trust common securities will be entitled to do that.

For so long as the trust preferred securities remain outstanding, PECO will:

maintain directly or indirectly 100% ownership of the trust common securities;

use its reasonable efforts to cause the issuing PECO Trust to remain a statutory trust and not to voluntarily dissolve, wind-up, liquidate or be terminated, except as permitted by the applicable PECO Trust Agreement; and

use its reasonable efforts to cause the issuing PECO Trust to continue to be treated as a grantor trust and not an association taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes.

PECO will pay all of the issuing PECO Trust's fees and expenses, including those related to the offering of the trust preferred securities. In addition, PECO will guarantee payments on the trust preferred securities to the extent that the issuing PECO Trust has funds to make payments on the trust preferred securities.

The rights of the holders of the trust preferred securities are set forth in the trust agreements and the Delaware Statutory Trust Act.

The location of each PECO Trust's principal executive office is 2301 Market Street, P.O. Box 8699, Philadelphia, PA 19101-8699, and the telephone number is 215-841-4000.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Except as otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, each registrant expects to use the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities for general corporate purposes, including to discharge or refund (by redemption, by purchase on the open market, by purchase in private transactions, by tender offer or otherwise) outstanding long-term debt. Any proceeds of securities issued by the Exelon Trusts will be used by the Exelon Trusts to purchase subordinated debt securities from Exelon. Any proceeds of Securities issued by the PECO Trusts will be used by the PECO Trusts to purchase subordinated debt securities from PECO. Each registrant will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement any specific allocation of the proceeds to a particular purpose that the registrant has made at the date of that prospectus supplement. Please refer to our annual and quarterly

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reports incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any prospectus supplement for information concerning each registrant's outstanding long-term debt. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#).

**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED****FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERENCE SECURITY DIVIDENDS****Exelon**

The following are Exelon's consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated:

	2007	Years Ended December 31,				2011	Three Months Ended
		2008	2009	2010	2011		March 31, 2012
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	4.5	4.5	5.4	4.8	4.9	2.4	

Exelon had no preference securities outstanding during the periods indicated; therefore, the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference security dividends is the same as the ratio of earnings to fixed charges for Exelon.

**Generation**

The following are Generation's consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated:

	2007	Years Ended December 31,				2011	Three Months Ended
		2008	2009	2010	2011		March 31, 2012
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	8.2	8.6	10.4	8.5	7.3	4.7	

Generation had no preference securities outstanding during the periods indicated; therefore, the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference security dividends is the same as the ratio of earnings to fixed charges for Generation.

**ComEd**

The following are ComEd's consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated:

	2007	Years Ended December 31,				2011	Three Months Ended
		2008	2009	2010	2011		March 31, 2012
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.8	2.0	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.8	

ComEd had no preference securities outstanding during the periods indicated; therefore, the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference security dividends is the same as the ratio of earnings to fixed charges for ComEd.

**PECO**

The following are PECO's consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated:

	2007	Years Ended December 31,				2011	Three Months Ended
		2008	2009	2010	2011		March 31, 2012
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	3.9	3.1	3.7	3.3	4.7	5.3	



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The following are PECO's consolidated ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference security dividends for each of the periods indicated:

	2007	Years Ended December 31,			2011	Three Months Ended
		2008	2009	2010		March 31, 2012
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	3.8	3.0	3.6	3.2	4.5	5.1

**BGE**

The following are BGE's consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated:

	2007	Years Ended December 31,			2011	Three Months Ended
		2008	2009	2010		March 31, 2012
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	2.8	1.5	2.1	2.8	2.6	(a)

The following are BGE's consolidated ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference stock dividends for each of the periods indicated:

	2007	Years Ended December 31,			2011	Three Months Ended
		2008	2009	2010		March 31, 2012
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference stock dividends	2.4	1.3	1.8	2.4	2.2	(a)

- (a) Due to the registrant's loss for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the ratio coverage was less than 1:1 for both the ratio of earnings to fixed charges with and without preference stock dividends. The registrant must generate additional earnings of \$50 million and \$46 million for the ratio of earnings to fixed charges with and without preference stock dividends, respectively, to achieve a coverage ratio of 1:1.

**DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

Each time one of the registrants sells securities, it will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under "Where You Can Find More Information."

**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell the Securities offered (a) through agents; (b) by underwriters or dealers; (c) directly to one or more purchasers; or (d) through a combination of any of these methods of sale.

In some cases we may also repurchase the Securities and reoffer them to the public by one or more of the methods described above.

This prospectus may be used in connection with any offering of securities through any of these methods or other methods described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Any underwriter or agent involved in the offer and sale of the Securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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### **By Agents**

Offered securities may be sold on a one time or a continuing basis by agents designated by the applicable registrant. The agents will use their reasonable efforts to solicit purchases for the period of their appointment under the terms of an agency agreement between the agents and the applicable issuer.

### **By Underwriters or Dealers**

If underwriters are used in the sale, the underwriters may be designated by the applicable registrant or selected through a bidding process. The securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account. The underwriters may resell the Securities in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Underwriters may sell the Securities to or through dealers, and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the Securities will be subject to certain conditions. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the Securities of the series offered if any of the securities are purchased. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

Only underwriters named in the applicable prospectus supplement are deemed to be underwriters in connection with the Securities offered hereby.

If dealers are utilized in the sale of the Securities, the applicable registrant will sell the Securities to the dealers as principals. The dealers may then resell the Securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealers at the time of resale. The names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### **Direct Sales**

We may also sell Securities directly to the public. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved.

### **General Information**

We may authorize agents, underwriters or dealers to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase Securities from us at the public offering price pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a later date or dates, all as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Each delayed delivery contract will be for an amount not less than, and the aggregate amount of the Securities shall be not less nor more than, the respective amounts stated in the prospectus supplement. Institutions with whom the delayed delivery contracts, when authorized, may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions, and other institutions, but will in all cases be subject to our approval. The delayed delivery contracts will not be subject to any conditions except:

the purchase by an institution of the Securities covered by its delayed delivery contract shall not, at any time of delivery, be prohibited under the laws of any jurisdiction in the United States to which such delayed delivery contract is subject; and

if the Securities are being sold to underwriters, we shall have sold to those underwriters the total amount of the Securities less the amount thereof covered by the delayed delivery contracts. The underwriters will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of the delayed delivery contracts.

Unless otherwise specified in the related prospectus supplement, each series of the Securities will be a new issue with no established trading market, other than the common stock. Any common stock sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement or issuable upon conversion of another offered Security will be listed on the New York



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Stock Exchange, subject to official notice of issuance. We may elect to list any of the other securities on an exchange, but are not obligated to do so. It is possible that one or more underwriters may make a market in a series of the Securities, but no underwriter will be obligated to do so and any underwriter may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We cannot predict the activity of trading in, or liquidity of, our Securities.

In connection with sales by an agent or in an underwritten offering, the SEC rules permit the underwriters or agents to engage in transactions that stabilize the price of the Securities. These transactions may include short sales, stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters or agents of a greater number of securities than they are required to purchase in an offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the Securities while an offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the underwriters have repurchased Securities sold by or for the account of that underwriter in stabilizing or short-covering transactions.

These activities by the underwriters may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the Securities. As a result, the price of the Securities may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If these activities are commenced, they may be discontinued by the underwriters at any time. These transactions may be effected on an exchange or automated quotation system, if the Securities are listed on that exchange or admitted for trading on that automated quotation system, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

We may from time to time, without the consent of the existing Security holders, create and issue further Securities having the same terms and conditions as the Securities being offered hereby in all respects, except for issue date, issue price and if applicable, the first payment of interest or dividends therein or other terms as noted in the applicable prospectus supplement. Additional Securities issued in this manner will be consolidated with, and will form a single series with, the previously outstanding securities.

Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the Securities may be underwriters as defined in the Securities Act of 1933, and any discounts or commissions received by them from us and any profit on the resale of the Securities by them may be treated as underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act.

We may have agreements with the underwriters, dealers and agents to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, or to contribute with respect to payments which the underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make.

Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us or our subsidiaries or affiliates in the ordinary course of their businesses.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

Ballard Spahr LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will render an opinion as to the validity of the Securities for us. Ballard Spahr LLP may rely on an opinion of one of our in-house lawyers as to matters of Illinois law.

Winston & Strawn LLP, Chicago, Illinois, will render an opinion as to the validity of the Securities for any underwriters, dealers, purchasers or agents. Winston & Strawn LLP provides legal services to Exelon and its subsidiaries from time to time.

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**EXPERTS**

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) of Exelon, Generation, ComEd and PECO incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the combined Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 have been so incorporated in reliance on the reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The audited historical financial statements of Constellation Energy Group, Inc. and Baltimore Gas and Electric Company included as Exhibit 99.1 to Exelon's and Generation's Current Report on Form 8-K/A dated May 25, 2012 have been incorporated by reference in this Prospectus in reliance on the reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The financial statements incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company for the year ended December 31, 2011 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

Exelon, Generation, ComEd, PECO and BGE each file reports and other information with the SEC. The public may read and copy any reports or other information that we file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. These documents are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and at the web site maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Reports, proxy statements and other information concerning Exelon may also be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, which is located at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. You may also obtain a copy of the registration statement at no cost by writing us at the following address:

Exelon Corporation  
Attn: Investor Relations  
10 South Dearborn Street 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
P.O. Box 805398  
Chicago, IL 60680-5398

This prospectus is one part of a registration statement filed on Form S-3 with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, known as the Securities Act. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules to the registration statement. For further information concerning us and the Securities, you should read the entire registration statement, including this prospectus and any related prospectus supplements, and the additional information described under the sub-heading "Documents Incorporated By Reference" below. The registration statement has been filed electronically and may be obtained in any manner listed above. Any statements contained herein concerning the provisions of any document are not necessarily complete, and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement or otherwise filed with the SEC. Each such statement is qualified in its entirety by such reference.

Information about us is also available on Exelon's web site at <http://www.exeloncorp.com>. The information on Exelon's web site is not incorporated into this prospectus by reference, and you should not consider it a part of this prospectus.

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**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information that we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to the documents we file with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. This incorporation by reference does not include documents that are furnished but not filed with the SEC. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future documents that we file with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act) but prior to the termination of any offering of securities made by this prospectus:

**Exelon Corporation (Exchange Act File No. 1-16169)**

Exelon's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011;

Exelon's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period March 31, 2012;

The description of Exelon's common stock contained in the registration statement on Form 8-A filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including any amendment thereto or report filed for the purpose of updating such description; and

Exelon's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 17, 2012; February 16, 2012; February 21, 2012; March 14, 2012; April 5, 2012; April 6, 2012; and May 25, 2012.

**Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exchange Act File No. 333-85496)**

Generation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011;

Generation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period March 31, 2012;

Generation's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 17, 2012; February 16, 2012; February 21, 2012; March 14, 2012; March 16, 2012; April 5, 2012; and May 25, 2012.

**Commonwealth Edison Company (Exchange Act File No. 1-1839)**

ComEd's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011;

ComEd's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period March 31, 2012; and

ComEd's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 17, 2012; February 16, 2012; February 21, 2012; March 14, 2012; March 16, 2012; and March 29, 2012.

**PECO Energy Company (Exchange Act File No. 000-16844)**

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PECO s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011;

PECO s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period March 31, 2012; and

PECO s Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 17, 2012; February 16, 2012; February 21, 2012; March 14, 2012; and March 16, 2012.

### **Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (Exchange Act File No. 1-1910)**

BGE s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011;

BGE s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period March 31, 2012; and

BGE s Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 19, 2012; and March 14, 2012.

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Upon written or oral request, we will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus is delivered, a copy of any or all of such documents which are incorporated herein by reference (other than exhibits to such documents unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into the documents that this prospectus incorporates). Written or oral requests for copies should be directed to Exelon Corporation, Attn: Investor Relations, 10 South Dearborn Street, 52<sup>nd</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 805398, Chicago, IL 60680-5398, 312-394-2345.

Any statement contained in this prospectus, or in a document all or a portion of which is incorporated by reference, shall be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus, any supplement or any document incorporated by reference modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute a part of this prospectus.

All reports and other documents subsequently filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment, which indicates that all of a class of securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all of a class of securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

We have not included or incorporated by reference any separate financial statements of the Exelon Trusts or the PECO Trusts. We do not consider the financial statements of the Exelon Trusts or the PECO Trusts to be material to holders of the trust preferred securities of the Exelon Trusts or the PECO Trusts because each Exelon Trust or PECO Trust (1) is a special purpose entity that has no operating history or independent operations and (2) is not engaged in and does not propose to engage in any activity other than holding our subordinated debt securities and issuing trust preferred securities. We do not expect the Exelon Trusts or the PECO Trusts to file periodic reports under Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

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**PECO Energy Company**  
**First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds,**  
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**BNP PARIBAS**

**J.P. Morgan**

**US Bancorp**