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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549
FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934

July 24, 2001
(Date of earliest
event reported)

EXELON CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-16169 (SEC file number)	23-2990190 (IRS Employer Identification Number)
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(312) 394-4321

Item 5. Other Events

On July 24, 2001, Exelon Corporation issued the following press release.

Exelon Reports Strong Second Quarter Earnings of \$0.97 Per Diluted Share

Chicago (July 24, 2001) Exelon Corporation today announced operating and reported earnings of \$315 million or \$0.97 per diluted share for the second quarter of 2001, representing a 17% increase over pro forma diluted operating earnings for the comparable period in 2000. Exelon operating earnings for the second quarter of 2000 were \$125 million or \$0.71 per diluted share, which represent the results of PECO Energy and do not reflect the effects of the October 20, 2000 merger with Unicom Corporation. On a pro forma basis assuming the merger of PECO Energy and Unicom Corporation occurred on January 1, 2000, second quarter 2000 earnings were \$0.83 per diluted share.

Highlights for the quarter include:

- o Energy sales of 48,522 GWh's which were 31% higher than pro forma second quarter 2000. Wholesale market sales accounted for 42% of total sales.

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- o Strong performance by Power Team, Exelon Generation's wholesale marketing division, in April and May which was partially offset by the effects of cool weather across most of the United States and a decline in wholesale power prices in June.
- o The addition of 800 megawatts of long-term contracts to the Power Team supply portfolio.
- o Continuing superior performance by Exelon Generation's nuclear operations:
 - o a 93.6% nuclear capacity factor
 - o two record-breaking refueling outages
 - o the addition of 129 megawatts of capacity through power uprate projects at Byron and Braidwood
- o Exelon Generation's fossil operations continue their strong performance with:
 - o 97% on time delivery
 - o 94% dispatch availability
- o ComEd's on time completion of over 450 projects which formed the foundation of its rigorous 2001 summer preparedness and infrastructure improvement program.

Corbin A. McNeill, Co-CEO and Chairman, said, "The quarter confirmed, yet again, Exelon's ability to meet its commitments. Despite cool weather and the fall in wholesale prices in June, we've produced earnings that surpassed market expectations. And we did it as we've done it in the past: through superior execution."

John W. Rowe, Co-CEO and President, said, "I am delighted that our generation group, Power Team, PECO and ComEd delivery operations all contributed to these excellent results. While we expect larger challenges in the wholesale power markets and in our Enterprise group during the second half, the combined strength of our generation, power marketing and energy delivery groups put us in a strong position to meet our commitments for the year."

Ruth Ann Gillis, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, confirmed the company's previous earnings guidance. She noted, "We have had two good quarters and we continue to believe our integrated strategy positions us to meet our commitment of \$4.50 earnings per share for 2001."

CORPORATE ISSUES

Second quarter earnings reflect goodwill amortization of \$0.11 per share. Consistent with FASB's new accounting standard for goodwill, Exelon expects to discontinue annual amortization of approximately \$140 million of goodwill, effective January 1, 2002.

Merger-related synergies continue to be realized and Exelon expects to achieve its target of \$148 million this year.

BUSINESS UNIT RESULTS

Performance for Exelon's business segments--Energy Delivery, Generation and Enterprises--is reported on the basis of earnings before interest and income taxes (EBIT). Exelon's EBIT increased 20% to \$821 million in the quarter compared to pro forma EBIT of \$685 million in the second quarter of 2000.

Energy Delivery consists of the retail electricity transmission and distribution operations of ComEd and PECO Energy and the natural gas distribution business of PECO Energy. Energy Delivery's operating revenues were \$2,436 million for the

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current quarter compared to pro forma revenues of \$2,271 million in 2000. Operating revenues reflect retail kilowatt-hour sales of 28,749 GWh's, which were essentially flat compared to the prior-year sales of 28,764 GWh's due to moderate weather conditions and the impact of a slower economy. Energy Delivery's EBIT of \$706 million in the second quarter of 2001 increased 10% over the prior-year period pro forma EBIT of \$643 million. ComEd's EBIT increased \$73 million primarily as a result of lower operating and maintenance expenses compared to the prior year period. PECO Energy's EBIT declined by \$10 million compared to the prior-year period pro forma EBIT due to an increase in Competitive Transition Charge amortization, partially offset by increased delivery revenues, net of fuel costs.

ComEd's distribution system reliability, delivery performance, and customer satisfaction statistics, continued to improve, and PECO Energy was praised for improved customer service in a report recently released by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Generation consists of Exelon's electric generation facilities and power marketing operations. Revenues increased 14% to \$1,618 million compared to pro forma revenues in the second quarter of 2000. This increase reflects continued strong nuclear performance, the expansion of power marketing activities and additions to the supply portfolio, partially offset by the impact of lower wholesale prices in both the PJM and ComEd markets. Generation's second quarter EBIT of \$126 million increased 66% over pro forma EBIT for the comparable prior-year period of \$76 million.

Exelon Generation is well on track to achieving its longer-term operating goals:

- o 1,950 of the 3,000 megawatts targeted for this year have been acquired. The Power Team energy supply portfolio, currently totaling over 41,000 megawatts, is projected to grow to 49,000 megawatts by 2003.
- o 243 of the approximately 885 megawatts to be added through power uprate projects by 2003 have been achieved.
- o The year-to-date June 30 nuclear capacity factor is 96.2% compared to the year-to-date goal of 93%. The target capacity factor for the year is 91.6% reflecting five refueling outages scheduled for the fall.

Enterprises consists of competitive retail energy sales, energy and infrastructure services, communications and related investments. Enterprises revenues were \$546 million in the second quarter, an increase of 36% compared to second quarter 2000 pro forma revenues of \$401 million. EBIT was a loss of \$5 million in the quarter compared to a pro forma EBIT loss of \$42 million in the second quarter of 2000. Enterprises EBIT reflects lower margins in the infrastructure services business, which has been impacted by the significant downturn in the telecommunications industry. The sluggish performance of the infrastructure services business was partially offset by a gain from the sale of certain communications investments.

Conference call information:

Exelon has scheduled a Second Quarter Earnings Conference Call for 3 PM EDT; (2 PM CDT) on July 24. The call in number in the US is 800/289-0518; the international call in number is 913/981-5532. No password is required. Media representatives are invited to participate on a listen only basis. The call will be audio web-cast and archived on Exelon's web site: www.exeloncorp.com. (Please choose the Investor Relations page.)

Telephone replays will be available after 4 PM on July 24 through July 30. The U.S. call-in number is 888/203-1112; the international call-in number is

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719/457-0820. The confirmation code is 789042.

Except for the reported historical information, matters discussed in this release are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include future events affecting the demand for, and the supply of, energy, including weather and economic conditions and the availability of generating units, and other factors discussed in Exelon's filings with the SEC. Readers are

cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this release. Exelon undertakes no obligation to publicly release any revision to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this release.

Exelon Corporation is one of the nation's largest electric utilities with approximately five million customers and more than \$15 billion in annual revenues. The company has one of the industry's largest portfolios of electricity generation capacity, with a nationwide reach and strong positions in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic. Exelon distributes electricity to approximately five million customers in Illinois and Pennsylvania and gas to 425,000 customers in the Philadelphia area. The company also has holdings in such competitive businesses as energy, infrastructure services and energy services. Exelon is headquartered in Chicago and trades on the NYSE under the ticker EXC.

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Earnings Summary

(in millions, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended June 30,			
	2001	2000 (1)	Pro Forma 2000 (2)	
Revenue				
Energy Delivery	\$ 2,436	\$ 771	\$ 2,271	\$
Generation	1,618	633	1,414	
Enterprises	546	271	401	
Corporate/Intercompany Eliminations	(949)	(290)	(898)	(
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Total Exelon	\$ 3,651	\$ 1,385	\$ 3,188	\$
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Earnings Before Interest and Taxes				
Energy Delivery	\$ 706	\$ 257	\$ 643	\$
Generation	126	78	76	
Enterprises	(5)	(32)	(42)	
Corporate/Intercompany Eliminations	(6)	1	8	
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Total Exelon	821	304	685	
Interest Income	27	11	42	

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Interest Expense & Preferred Dividends	(306)	(121)	(282)	
Income Taxes	(227)	(75)	(177)	
Extraordinary Item, Net of Income Taxes	--	(3)	--	
Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle, Net of Income Taxes	--	--	--	
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Net Income	\$ 315	\$ 116	\$ 268	\$
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Average Common Shares Outstanding				
Basic:	321	174		
Diluted:	324	175	324	
Earnings Per Common Share - Reported				
Basic:	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.67		\$
Diluted:	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.66		\$
Nonrecurring Items excluded from Operating Earnings:				
Premiums paid to reacquire debt	--	0.02		
Cumulative effect of change in accounting method for nuclear outages	--	--		
Implementation of SFAS 133	--	--		
Merger Costs	--	0.03		
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Earnings Per Common Share - Operating				
Diluted:	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.83	\$
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Retail Electric Sales Statistics
For the Three Months Ended June 30

	ComEd			
MWH Sales	2001	2000	% Change	2001
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Residential	5,231,699	5,095,773	2.7%	2,520,
Small Commercial & Industrial	7,246,759	6,914,496	4.8%	1,835,
Large Commercial & Industrial	5,516,303	6,131,010	(10.0%)	3,903,
Public Authorities & Electric Railroads	2,310,170	2,050,780	12.6%	183,
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Total Sales to Ultimate Customers	20,304,931	20,192,059	0.6%	8,443,
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Heating Degree Days	667	733		
Cooling Degree Days / Hours	233	194		2,

Revenue (in thousands)	2001	2000	% Change	2001
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Residential	\$ 501,657	\$ 494,861	1.4%	\$ 288,
Small Commercial & Industrial	532,533	526,510	1.1%	184,
Large Commercial & Industrial	250,751	277,978	(9.8%)	242,
Public Authorities & Electric Railroads	129,827	122,827	5.7%	17,
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Total Sales to Ultimate Customers	\$ 1,414,768	\$ 1,422,176	(0.5%)	\$ 733,
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Cents / kWh	2001	2000	% Change	2001
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Residential	\$ 0.096	\$ 0.097	(1.0%)	\$ 0.
Small Commercial & Industrial	\$ 0.073	\$ 0.076	(3.9%)	\$ 0.
Large Commercial & Industrial	\$ 0.045	\$ 0.045	0.0%	\$ 0.
Public Authorities & Electric Railroad	\$ 0.056	\$ 0.060	(6.7%)	\$ 0.
Total Sales to Ultimate Customers	\$ 0.070	\$ 0.070	0.0%	\$ 0.

SIGNATURES

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

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/s/ Ruth Ann M. Gillis

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Ruth Ann M. Gillis
Principal Financial Officer

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