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May 22, 2001

Registration No. 333-\_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
Under  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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

Pennsylvania 23-2990190  
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification  
incorporation or organization) No.)

37th Floor, 10 South Dearborn Street  
Post Office Box 805379  
Chicago, Illinois 60680-5379  
(312) 394-4321  
(Address of principal executive offices)

EXELON CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN  
(Full title of the plan)

RUTH ANN M. GILLIS  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
Exelon Corporation  
37th Floor, 10 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60680-5379  
(312) 394-4321  
(Name and address of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of securities to be registered | Amount to be registered | Proposed maximum offering price per share | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price | Amount of registration fee |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock, no par value(1)        | 2,000,000 shares        | \$68.385 (1)                              | \$136,770,000 (1)                         | \$34,192                   |

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## PART II

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, as filed by Exelon Corporation (the "Registrant") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and made a part hereof:

(a) the Registrant's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000;

(b) the Registrant's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2001;

(c) the Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K dated January 12, 2001, January 30, 2001, February 26, 2001, March 16, 2001, April 4, 2001 and April 24, 2001; and

(d) the description of the Registrant's common stock contained in the registration statement on Form 8-A filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), including any amendment thereto or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All reports and other documents subsequently filed by the Registrant 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 securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in any document, all or a portion of which is incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained or incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

#### Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

#### Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

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#### Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Chapter 17, Subchapter D of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended (the "PBCL") contains provisions permitting indemnification of officers and directors of a business corporation incorporated in

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Pennsylvania. Sections 1741 and 1742 of the PBCL provide that a business corporation may indemnify directors and officers against liabilities and expenses he or she may incur in connection with a threatened, pending or completed civil, administrative or investigative proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a representative of the corporation or was serving at the request of the corporation as a representative of another enterprise, provided that the particular person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. In general, the power to indemnify under these sections does not exist in the case of actions against a director or officer by or in the right of the corporation if the person otherwise entitled to indemnification shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation, unless it is judicially determined that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for the expenses the court deems proper. Section 1743 of the PBCL provides that the corporation is required to indemnify directors and officers against expenses they may incur in defending these actions if they are successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of such actions.

Section 1746 of the PBCL provides that indemnification under the other sections of Subchapter D is not exclusive of other rights that a person seeking indemnification may have under any by-law, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify the person under any other provision of law. However, Section 1746 prohibits indemnification in circumstances where the act or failure to act giving rise to the claim for indemnification is determined by a court to have constituted willful misconduct or recklessness.

Section 1747 of the PBCL permits a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a representative of another enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by him or her in that capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify the person against such liability under Subchapter D.

The Registrant's by-laws provide that it is obligated to indemnify directors and officers and other persons designated by the board of directors against any liability, including any damage, judgment, amount paid in settlement, fine, penalty, cost or expense (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and disbursements) incurred in connection with any proceeding. The Registrant's by-laws provide that no indemnification shall be made where the act or failure to act giving rise to the claim for indemnification is determined by arbitration or otherwise to have constituted willful misconduct or recklessness or attributable to receipt from the Registrant of a personal benefit to which the recipient is not legally entitled.

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As permitted by PBCL Section 1713, the Registrant's by-laws provide that directors generally will not be liable for monetary damages in any action, whether brought by shareholders directly or in the right of the Registrant or by third parties, unless they fail in the good faith performance of their duties as fiduciaries (the standard of care established by the PBCL), and such failure constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness.

The Registrant has purchased directors' and officers' liability insurance.

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Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The following is a list of exhibits filed as part of this Registration Statement.

| Exhibit Number | Description of Exhibit  |
|----------------|---|
| 4.1            | Articles of Incorporation of Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration Statement No. 333-37082). |
| 4.2            | Exelon Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan.  |
| 5.1            | Opinion of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood.  |
| 23.1           | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.  |
| 23.2           | Consent of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood (included in its opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereof).  |
| 24.1           | Form of Powers of Attorney.   |

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement; and

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(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under

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the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered that remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in this registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the 22nd day of May, 2001.

EXELON CORPORATION

By: /s/ Corbin A. McNeill, Jr.

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Corbin A. McNeill, Jr.  
Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ John W. Rowe

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John W. Rowe  
President and Co-Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in

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the capacities and on May 22, 2001.

| Signature   | Capacity  | Date         |
|---|---|--------------|
| /s/ Corbin A. McNeill, Jr.<br>-----<br>Corbin A. McNeill, Jr. | Chairman, Co-Chief Executive Officer<br>and Director                                  | May 22, 2001 |
| /s/ John W. Rowe<br>-----<br>John W. Rowe                     | President, Co-Chief Executive<br>Officer and Director                                 | May 22, 2001 |
| /s/ Ruth Ann M. Gillis<br>-----<br>Ruth Ann M. Gillis         | Senior Vice President and Chief<br>Financial Officer<br>(Principal Financial Officer) | May 22, 2001 |
| /s/ Jean Gibson<br>-----<br>Jean Gibson                       | Vice President and Corporate<br>Controller<br>(Principal Accounting Officer)          | May 22, 2001 |

This Registration Statement has also been signed by John W. Rowe in his individual capacity as a Director and as Attorney-in-Fact, on behalf of the following Directors on the date indicated:

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Edward A. Brennan        | Carlos H. Cantu     |
| Admiral Daniel L. Cooper | M. Walter D'Alessio |
| Admiral Bruce DeMars     | G. Fred DiBona, Jr. |
| Sue Ling Gin             | Richard H. Glanton  |
| Rosemarie B. Greco       | Edgar D. Jannotta   |
| Corbin A. McNeill, Jr.   | John W. Rogers      |
| John M. Palms            | Ronald Rubin        |
| Richard L. Thomas        |                     |

By: /s/ John W. Rowe  
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John W. Rowe  
(Director and Attorney-in-Fact for the Directors set forth above)

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