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

# FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 6, 2022



# Phillips Edison & Company, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

	Maryland	000-54691	27-1106076
	(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
	11501 Northlake Drive Cincinnati, Ohio		45249
	(Address of principal executive offices)	_	(Zip Code)
		(513) 554-1110	
		(Registrant's telephone number, including area	a code)
follo	wing provisions:  Written communications pursuant to Rule 42:	5 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)		
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))		
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))		
Sec	urities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of	the Act:	
	Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
	Common Stock \$0.01 par value per share	PECO	The Nasdaq Global Select Market

chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( $\S240.12b-2$  of this chapter). Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Board of Directors of Phillips Edison & Company, Inc. (the "Company") approved distributions for September and October 2022 to its stockholders of record at the close of business on September 16, 2022 and October 17, 2022, respectively, equal to a monthly amount of \$0.0933 per share. The Company's September and October 2022 distributions are expected to be made on or around October 3, 2022 and November 1, 2022, respectively.

On September 6, 2022, the Company issued a press release announcing an increase in the monthly distribution and the declaration of the September and October 2022 distributions. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), and shall not be deemed to be "filed" with the SEC for any purpose, including for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any other filing with the SEC except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit		
99.1	Press Release dated September 6, 2022		
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as inline XBRL)		

# **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.

PHILLIPS EDISON & COMPANY, INC.

Dated: September 6, 2022 By: /s/ Jennifer L. Robison

Jennifer L. Robison

Chief Accounting Officer and Senior Vice President (Principal Accounting Officer)

# Phillips Edison & Company Increases Monthly Distribution Rate by 3.7% to \$0.0933 Per Share

**CINCINNATI - September 6, 2022 -** Phillips Edison & Company, Inc. (Nasdaq: PECO) ("PECO" or the "Company"), one of the nation's largest owners and operators of grocery-anchored omni-channel neighborhood shopping centers, today announced that its Board of Directors (the "Board") approved a 3.7% increase to the monthly distributions payable October 3, 2022 and November 1, 2022 to stockholders of record at the close of business on September 16, 2022 and October 17, 2022, respectively.

The Board approved the distribution at a rate of \$0.0933 per share of the Company's common stock and per operating partnership unit. When annualized, this is equal to a rate of \$1.12 per share, representing an increase of 3.7% over the previous annualized rate of \$1.08 per share.

"The strength of our operating fundamentals and growth in our cash flows allow us to increase our monthly distribution to our shareholders. Our continued focus is to grow our distribution rate as we grow the cash flows in our grocery-anchored portfolio," said Jeff Edison, chairman and chief executive officer of PECO. "This increase is a reflection of the success of our focused and differentiated strategy of owning and operating small-format, neighborhood centers anchored by the #1 or #2 grocer in a market which continues to drive high-recurring foot traffic and Neighbor demand, resulting in superior financial and operating performance.

"We recognize that distributions are an important component of an investment in PECO, and we believe our increased dividend yield of approximately 3.4% achieves the right balance between current returns to our shareholders and funding the growth opportunities available to us through acquisitions and outparcel redevelopment."

# **About Phillips Edison & Company**

Phillips Edison & Company, Inc. ("PECO"), an internally-managed REIT, is one of the nation's largest owners and operators of grocery-anchored shopping centers. Founded in 1991, PECO has generated strong results through its vertically-integrated operating platform and national footprint of well-occupied shopping centers. PECO's centers feature a mix of national and regional retailers providing necessity-based goods and services in fundamentally strong markets throughout the United States. PECO's top grocery anchors include Kroger, Publix, Ahold Delhaize, and Albertsons. As of June 30, 2022, PECO manages 289 shopping centers, including 269 wholly-owned centers comprising 30.9 million square feet across 31 states, and 20 shopping centers owned in one institutional joint venture. PECO is exclusively focused on creating great omni-channel, grocery-anchored shopping experiences and improving communities, one neighborhood shopping center at a time.

PECO uses, and intends to continue to use, its Investors website, which can be found at https://investors.phillipsedison.com, as a means of disclosing material nonpublic information and for complying with its disclosure obligations under Regulation FD.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Phillips Edison & Company, Inc. (the "Company") intends such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and includes this statement for purposes of complying with the safe harbor provisions. Such forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the Company's use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "expect," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "believe," "continue," "seek," "objective," "goal," "strategy," "plan," "focus," "priority," "should," "could," "potential," "possible," "look forward," "optimistic," or other similar words. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of

the date of this earnings release. Such statements include, but are not limited to: (a) statements about the Company's plans, strategies, initiatives, and prospects; (b) statements about the Company's underwritten incremental yields; and (c) statements about the Company's future results of operations, capital expenditures, and liquidity. Such statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or anticipated, including, without limitation: (i) changes in national, regional, or local economic climates; (ii) local market conditions, including an oversupply of space in, or a reduction in demand for, properties similar to those in the Company's portfolio; (iii) vacancies, changes in market rental rates, and the need to periodically repair, renovate, and re-let space; (iv) competition from other available shopping centers and the attractiveness of properties in the Company's portfolio to its tenants; (v) the financial stability of the Company's tenants, including, without limitation, their ability to pay rent; (vi) the Company's ability to pay down, refinance, restructure, or extend its indebtedness as it becomes due; (vii) increases in the Company's borrowing costs as a result of changes in interest rates and other factors; (viii) potential liability for environmental matters; (ix) damage to the Company's properties from catastrophic weather and other natural events, and the physical effects of climate change: (x) the Company's ability and willingness to maintain its qualification as a REIT in light of economic, market, legal, tax, and other considerations; (xi) changes in tax, real estate, environmental, and zoning laws; (xii) information technology security breaches; (xiii) the Company's corporate responsibility initiatives; (xiv) loss of key executives; (xv) the concentration of the Company's portfolio in a limited number of industries, geographies, or investments; (xvi) the economic, political, and social impact of, and uncertainty relating to, the COVID-19 pandemic; (xvii) the Company's ability to re-lease its properties on the same or better terms, or at all, in the event of non-renewal or in the event the Company exercises its right to replace an existing tenant; (xviii) the loss or bankruptcy of the Company's tenants; (xix) to the extent the Company is seeking to dispose of properties, the Company's ability to do so at attractive prices or at all; and (xx) the impact of inflation on the Company and on its tenants. Additional important factors that could cause actual results to differ are described in the filings made from time to time by the Company with the SEC and include the risk factors and other risks and uncertainties described in the Company's 2021 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on February 16, 2022, as updated from time to time in the Company's periodic and/or current reports filed with the SEC, which are accessible on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Therefore, such statements are not intended to be a guarantee of the Company's performance in future periods.

Except as required by law, the Company does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

### **Investors:**

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