

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 15, 2017**

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**Phillips Edison Grocery Center REIT I, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-54691**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**27-1106076**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**11501 Northlake Drive  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45249**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(513) 554-1110**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 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))

## Item 8.01. Other Events Unregistered Sale of Equity Securities.

On June 15, 2017, Phillips Edison Grocery Center REIT I, Inc. (the "Company") posted the attached letter to its stockholders on the Company's website, [www.grocerycenterreit1.com](http://www.grocerycenterreit1.com), which includes a recommendation to reject the mini-tender offer received from MacKenzie Realty Capital. A copy of this letter is provided as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

### Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements:

Certain statements contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), including statements regarding the transaction and the ability to consummate the Company's proposed acquisition of real estate assets and the third party asset management business of its sponsor, Phillips Edison Limited Partnership (the "Transaction") and anticipated accretion, dividend coverage, dividends and other anticipated benefits of the Transaction. The Company intends for all such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act, as applicable. Such statements include, in particular, statements about the Company's plans, strategies, and prospects and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, as well as known and unknown risks, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or anticipated. Therefore, such statements are not intended to be a guarantee of the Company's performance in future periods. Such forward-looking statements can generally be identified by our use of forward-looking terminology such as "pro forma," "may," "will," "would," "could," "should," "expect," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "believe," "continue," 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 release. The Company makes no representation or warranty (express or implied) about the accuracy of any such forward-looking statements contained in this release, and does not intend, and undertakes no obligation, to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

### Additional Information and Where to Find It:

This communication does not constitute a solicitation of any vote or approval in respect of the proposed Transaction involving the Company or otherwise. In connection with the proposed Transaction, a stockholder meeting will be announced soon to obtain stockholder approval. In connection with the proposed Transaction, the Company intends to file relevant materials, including a proxy statement, with the SEC. The Company's stockholders are urged to read the definitive proxy statement and other relevant materials when they become available because they will contain important information about the Company and the proposed Transaction. The proxy statement and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by the Company with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), at the Company's website at [www.grocerycenterREIT1.com](http://www.grocerycenterREIT1.com) or by sending a written request to the Company at 11501 Northlake Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45249, Attention: Investor Relations.

### Participants in the Solicitation

The Company and its directors, executive officers and certain other members of management may be deemed to be participants in soliciting proxies from the Company's stockholders in favor of the Transaction. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered to be participants in the solicitation of the Company's stockholders in connection with the Transaction and their ownership of the Company's common stock will be set forth in the proxy statement for its annual meeting of stockholders. Investors can find more information about the Company's executive officers and directors in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

## Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Letter to Stockholders dated June 15, 2017

**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 GROCERY CENTER REIT I, INC.

Date: June 15, 2017

By: /s/ R. Mark Addy

R. Mark Addy

*President and Chief Operating Officer*

**RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT THE UNSOLICITED MINI-TENDER OFFER TO SELL YOUR SHARES TO MACKENZIE REALTY CAPITAL**

*If you are considering selling your shares to MacKenzie Realty Capital, Inc., please read all of the information below.*

June 15, 2017

Dear Stockholder:

You may soon receive, or may already have received, correspondence from MacKenzie Realty Capital, Inc. (the "Bidder" or "MacKenzie") relating to a tender offer to purchase your shares of Phillips Edison Grocery Center REIT I, Inc. ("PECO I"). The Bidder's offer price is \$6.39 per share.

***We believe the Bidder's offer price is substantially below the value of your shares and the Board unanimously recommends that you reject this unsolicited offer and not tender your shares of stock.***

***To decline the Bidder's tender offer, simply ignore it. You do not need to respond to anything.***

In arriving at our recommendation that you reject the Bidder's tender offer, we considered the following:

- On May 9, 2017, our Board reaffirmed its estimated value per share (the "EVPS") For important information regarding the methodologies, assumptions and limitations of the EVPS as well as "funds from operations," including non-GAAP reconciliations, please see PECO I's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the SEC on 5/11/17, and its' Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on 5/19/17, which are available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) of the REIT's common stock of \$10.20. The EVPS range was \$9.97 to \$11.24, based substantially on the estimated market value of PECO I's portfolio of real estate properties in various geographic locations in the United States as of March 31, 2017.
- On May 18, 2017, PECO I entered into a contribution agreement to acquire real estate assets and the third party asset management business of its sponsor, Phillips Edison Limited Partnership, in a stock and cash transaction valued at approximately \$1.0 billion (subject to closing adjustments). The contribution agreement is subject to certain closing conditions, among other items, the approval by PECO I stockholders, regulatory approvals and other customary conditions of closing (the "Transaction"). We expect the proposed Transaction to be accretive to PECO I's earnings, and that the estimated pro forma funds from operations<sup>1</sup> for the first quarter of 2017 would increase by approximately 8-10% relative to the performance of stand-alone PECO I. We also believe that it will position PECO I well for future capital market opportunities, including potential liquidity alternatives.
- We believe that the Bidder's offer is meant to take advantage of the illiquidity of our shares by buying your shares at a price significantly below their fair value in order to make a significant profit.
- According to MacKenzie's website, its "core strategy" is to purchase securities "at significant discounts to estimated net asset value" and "invest at prices we estimate to be significantly below current market value of the underlying asset." MacKenzie has acknowledged that, in establishing the purchase price of \$6.39 per share, it is motivated to establish the lowest price which might be acceptable to stockholders, consistent with MacKenzie's objectives.
- PECO I currently pays monthly distributions in an annualized amount of \$.67 per share, which equates to an annualized yield equal to 6.57% per share based on the most recent EVPS. Although the Board cannot provide a guarantee that PECO I will maintain its rate of distributions in the future, if you sell your shares, you will no longer receive monthly distributions or otherwise have any rights with respect to the shares that you sell, including any appreciation in the value of the stock.
- None of PECO I's directors, executive officers, subsidiaries or other affiliates who hold shares intend to tender shares of stock to MacKenzie.

**Please be aware that the Bidder is in no way affiliated with PECO I, Phillips Edison Limited Partnership, or Phillips Edison & Company.**

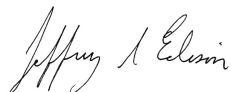
We urge you to consult your financial advisor and exercise caution with respect to this and other mini-tender offers. Mini-tender offers are offers to purchase less than 5% of a company's outstanding shares. The SEC has cautioned investors about offers of this nature. Additional information about mini-tender offers is available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/minitend.htm](http://www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/minitend.htm).

Please be assured that your personal information continues to be held in the same confidence we maintain in all interactions with our stockholders.

In order to avoid the costs of additional mailings, we may post our response to future mini-tender offers at [www.grocerycenterreit1.com](http://www.grocerycenterreit1.com). If you have any questions related to your investment, please contact DST Systems, the transfer agent, at 1-888-518-8073.

We thank you for your investment in PECO I.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey S. Edison, Chairman of the Board

**Forward-Looking Statements**

*Certain statements contained in this letter are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the anticipated benefits of the proposed Transaction. Such statements are subject to known and unknown risks, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this release. The PECO I makes no representation or warranty (express or implied) about the accuracy of any such forward-looking statements contained in this release, and does not intend, and undertakes no obligation, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.*

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