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Via EDGAR and FedEx

United States Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporate Finance 100 F Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20549 Attn: Suzanne Hayes

RE: Proteon Therapeutics, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-3 File No. 333-219676

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 461 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Proteon Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), hereby requests that the effectiveness of the Company's above-referenced Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>"), be accelerated to **4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, on August 21, 2017** or as soon as practicable thereafter, unless you are orally or in writing notified to the contrary by the Company prior to such date and time. In the event you are orally notified, you will be contacted either by me, or Julio E. Vega of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP.

The Company hereby acknowledges that:

- should the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>") or the staff (the "<u>Staff</u>"), acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the Staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the Company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the Company may not assert Staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact Julio E. Vega of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, counsel to the Company, at (617) 951-8901.

Please contact Julio E. Vega as soon as the Registration Statement has been declared effective.

Sincerely,

PROTEON THERAPEUTICS, INC.

/s/ George A. Eldridge

Name: George A. Eldridge Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary

Irene Paik, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission cc: Julio E. Vega, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP