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May 23, 2019

Mr. Robert Hersey Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital PO Box 905 1315 Hospital Drive St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

RE: Docket No. GMCB-005-17con, Replacement of Mobile MRI with Fixed MRI Unit and Related Construction/Renovation. Project Cost: \$3,051,564

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter dated April 25, 2019 regarding proposed changes in the model of the MRI to be purchased and changes in annual service agreement fees.

Your letter represents that the hospital now intends to purchase the Magnetom Sola model instead of the Magnetom Aera model as the Sola is a more up-to-date model. The annual service agreement with Siemens will also increase by approximately \$9,923 annually. The letter also noted that you are currently assessing whether there will be any additional costs for shielding, electrical, HVAC and renovations associated with the project. Once additional costs are known, please send us a letter verifying the additional costs associated with each change and revised total project cost relative to the \$3,191,912 that was approved in the CON granted on July 2, 2018 so we may determine whether the changes in type, scope or cost require further review.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-828-2918.

Sincerely,

<u>s/ Donna Jerry</u>
Donna Jerry, Senior Health Policy Analyst
Green Mountain Care Board

cc: Michael Barber, GMCB General Counsel

