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Re:

Docket No. GMCB-010-15con, Proposed Ambulatory Surgery Center

Green Mountain Surgery Center Request for Time to Review and Respond

Dear Donna:

On March 3, 2017, the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems ("VAHHS") and Northwestern Medical Center ("NMC") each filed with the Green Mountain Care Board ("the Board") a memorandum in opposition to the Green Mountain Surgery Center's certificate of need application. On February 6, 2017, Hearing Officer Hudson indicated that the Board would extend the application review period to allow all parties a reasonable amount of time to submit responsive material before closing the application. In light of the more than 150 pages of materials that were filed with the Board by the interested parties, the Applicant requests that the Board allow the Applicant until March 24, 2017 to review and, as appropriate, submit a response to the information submitted by the interested parties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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