

**STATE OF VERMONT  
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD**

In re: Application of Southwestern )  
Vermont Medical Center, ) GMCB-017-15con  
Replacement of Boilers and )  
Boiler Plant )  
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**CERTIFICATE OF NEED**

In accordance with Title 18, Chapter 221, Subchapter 5, other applicable laws and the Statement of Decision and Order in this matter, the Green Mountain Care Board issues this certificate of need (CON) to Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC, or the applicant), subject to the requirements and conditions set forth below.

**Project Description and Scope**

1. SVMC seeks to construct a 3,600 square foot prefabricated metal boiler plant building and to purchase and install three new boilers to replace the existing boilers that are now over 35 years old. The project also includes the removal of two 20,000 gallon underground #6 fuel storage tanks; installation of a compressed natural gas decompression station; installation of a 20,000 gallon above ground #2 oil fuel storage tank; and installation of approximately 200 yards of steam piping. Steam will be piped underground and connect with the exiting steam pipes at the location of the existing boilers and piped throughout the campus. Steam is used to heat campus buildings, deliver hot water and for sterilization of all surgical equipment. The total cost of the project is \$3,750,000.

The Project is outlined in greater detail in the Statement of Decision and Order in this docket, incorporated herein and issued today by the Board.

**Project Conditions**

The project as proposed, subject to the following conditions, meets the statutory criteria set forth in Section 9437 of Title 18:

1. SVMC shall develop and operate the project in strict compliance with its scope as described in the application, in other materials in the record submitted by the applicant, and in strict conformance with the Statement of Decision and Order issued today in this docket. This certificate of need is limited to the project and activities described therein.
2. The project shall be fully implemented within three (3) years of the date of this certificate of need or the certificate of need shall become invalid and deemed revoked.

3. Noncompliance with any provision of this certificate of need or with applicable ordinances, rules, laws and regulations constitutes a violation of this certificate of need and may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to 18 V.S.A. §§ 9445, 9374(i) and any other applicable law.
4. SVMC shall file implementation reports with the Board beginning six months from the date of this certificate of need and at six-month intervals thereafter until all components and phases of the project are complete and fully operational and all invoices have been paid. The implementation reports shall include the following information and analysis:
  - a. Overview of the project, including information and analysis demonstrating that the project fully complies with its scope as described in the application, in other materials in the record submitted by SVMC, and in the Statement of Decision and Order issued today in this docket;
  - b. A separate spreadsheet showing expenditures by individual line item. The spreadsheet shall show the approved overall amount per the application, the amount spent during the six-month reporting period, the amount spent to date, and the amount remaining in both dollars and in percentages.
5. This certificate of need is not transferable or assignable and is issued only for the premises and entity named in the application.
6. If SVMC contemplates or becomes aware of a potential or actual nonmaterial change, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9432(12), or a material change as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9432(11), to the scope or cost of the project described in its application and as designated in this certificate of need, SVMC shall file a notice of such change immediately with the Board. The Board shall review the proposed change and advise SVMC whether the proposed change is subject to review.
7. The Board may, after SVMC is provided notice and an opportunity to be heard, make such further orders as are necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of this certificate of need and to ensure compliance with its terms and conditions.
8. All reports, notices, forms, information or submissions of any kind required to be submitted to the Board as a condition of this certificate of need shall be signed by SVMC's chief executive officer and verified by the chief executive officer, or by his or her designated representative.
9. The conditions and requirements contained in this certificate of need shall remain in effect for the duration of the reporting period defined in paragraph 2, above.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: November 28, 2016 at Montpelier, Vermont.

s/ Alfred Gobeille )  
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s/ Cornelius Hogan ) CARE BOARD  
 ) OF VERMONT  
s/ Jessica Holmes )  
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s/ Betty Rambur )  
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Filed: November 28, 2016

Attest: s/Marisa Melamed  
Green Mountain Care Board  
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