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Ms. Shireen Hart, Esq. Primmer, Piper, Eggleston & Cramer, PC 150 South Champlain St. PO Box 1489 Burlington, VT 05402

RE: Docket No. GMCB-013-16con, Proposed Renovations to The Pines at Rutland Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Rutland. Project Cost: \$3,772,009.

Dear Shireen:

Thank you for the application for the above referenced project.

Attached is the January 6, 2017 letter from the Long Term Care Ombudsman Project. In that letter the Long Term Care Ombudsman identifies areas from the new Federal Nursing Home Regulations that may affect the proposed renovations. The information requested below is needed to complete our review. Please respond to the following:

1. Please explain how the proposed renovation project complies with recent federal regulations found at 42 CFR §§ 483.90(a)(7), 483.90(e), and 483.90(f). In the alternative, please explain why the proposed renovations are exempt from these new regulations.

In responding, restate the question in bold font and respond in unbolded font. Send the original and two hard copies (three-hole punch one hard copy) with a Verification Under Oath to my attention at the Green Mountain Care Board, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05620, and an electronic copy to me at dona.jerry@vermont.gov.

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

Sincerely,

<u>s/ Donna Jerry</u>Donna JerrySenior Health Policy Analyst

cc. Vermont Long Term Care Ombudsman

