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Mr. Claudio Fort, CEO  
Rutland Regional Medical Center  
160 Allen Street  
Rutland, Vermont 05701

**RE: Docket No. GMCB-025-18con, Replacement of Air Handling Unit, Project cost: \$2,724,441**

Dear Mr. Fort:

Thank you for your August 24, 2018 letter regarding your intent to replace Air Handling Unit 3. The existing unit, which serves the ICU, Outpatient Rehab and PSIU Offices, is failing and more than a decade past its useful life. The new unit will serve the same hospital areas and is projected to cost \$2,724,441.

As of July 1, 2018, Vermont law excludes from certificate of need (CON) jurisdiction:

Routine replacements of nonmedical equipment and fixtures, including furnaces, boilers, refrigeration units, kitchen equipment, heating and cooling units, and similar items. These replacements purchased by a hospital shall be included in the hospital's budget and may be reviewed in the budget process set forth in subchapter 7 of this chapter.

18 V.S.A. § 9435(f).

Based on the representations in your letter, replacement of the unit falls within the recently enacted exclusion and is not subject to CON review. Note, however, that it must be reported within your hospital budget submission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (802) 828-2918 or Pat Jones, Director of Health Systems Finance, at (802) 828-1967.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry

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