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Ms. Amy Cooper
Green Mountain Surgery Center
40 Main St.
Suite 540
Burlington, VT 05401

RE: Docket No. GMCB-010-15con, Green Mountain Surgery Center

Dear Ms. Cooper:

Thank you for your November 19, 2018 responses to the Board's questions regarding several changes to the Green Mountain Surgery Center (GMSC) project. To assist the Board in determining whether the changes necessitate further process and Board review, please respond to the following questions:

1. The application indicated that the project would be financed with a \$680,000 loan and \$1,132,838 in owner equity. Provide updated project financing, including the source of all funds and specific dollar amounts.
2. Provide an updated project budget, using the same format as revised *Table 1, Projects Costs* (page 28 of December 23, 2015, Response to Questions) that shows total project costs for Year 1, including any additional amounts resulting from shifts in volumes and lease costs.
3. Provide a breakdown of all costs not included in the certificate of need application, as approved by the Board, including the costs of medical and non-medical equipment associated with the addition of ophthalmology. Indicate and explain where they are reflected in the updated total project cost.
4. Provide the same information as in Question 3, above, relative to the addition of plastic surgery.
5. For each specialty area, (GI, OB/GYN, Orthopedics, Pain Management, General Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Ophthalmology) provide a table listing: a) each CPT codes that was not reflected in the application, as approved; b) an explanation of each in lay terms; and 3) a concise explanation of the need for the listed procedure/surgery.
6. Provide a list of Ophthalmology services (by CPT codes) that will be offered at GMSC that are not offered at Vermont Eye Center.



7. Update Tables 1-4 on pages 1-3 (December 23, 2015, Response to Questions) to reflect the change in projected volumes for the operating and procedure rooms for Years 1-4. Under the section *Projected Volumes* in Table 1, add a column titled, *% capacity used* for each year.
8. With higher projected losses shown in the 11/19/18 updated Income Statement, provided by GMSC, explain whether there is a contingency plan for accommodating larger losses, and whether there is a loss threshold that would impact the financial viability of the project. Confirm that all surgeries and procedures, including those performed in the specialties of ophthalmology and plastic surgery will be offered at GMSC at a lower cost than the same offered surgeries and procedures offered in a hospital outpatient setting.

In responding, restate the question in bold font and respond in unbolded font. Send an electronic copy to me at donna.jerry@vermont.gov and one hard copy (three-hole punched) with a Verification Under Oath to my attention at the Green Mountain Care Board, 144 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602.

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

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry

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cc: Judy Henkin, General Counsel

