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February 22, 2022

Mr. Doug Pfohl Gifford Medical Center PO Box 2000 Randolph, VT 05060

RE: Docket No. GMCB-005-22con, Gifford Medical Center Nuclear Medicine Equipment Upgrade, Project Cost: \$1,041,971.

Dear Mr. Pfohl:

Thank you for your letter dated February 16, 2022 requesting a jurisdictional determination. Your letter represents that Gifford Medical Center proposes to upgrade the hospital's Nuclear SPECT Camera. The current Nuclear Medicine Department utilizes a Siemens E-Cam SPECT Camera that is over 14 years old and is beyond end of service. The proposed project includes renovating a portion of the existing Radiology Department to accommodate the new GE SPECT CT Gamma Camera. The current camera will remain operational while the space for the new camera directly adjacent to the current space is renovated. The project will not increase volume but will enhance the image quality of current exams and accommodate patients of size.

Based on the representations contained in the documents you have submitted, the project is not subject to certificate of need (CON) review under 18 V.S.A. § 9434(b)(2) at this time.

As you proceed with developing and implementing this project, if there are any changes in type, scope or cost of the project (including, but not limited to, changes in capital and/or operating expenses), please contact the Board immediately so we may determine whether any further process is necessary. Failure to do so as required by Green Mountain Care Board Rule 4.301(4) may result in sanctions, as specified in 8 V.S.A. § 9445.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-760-8162.

Sincerely,

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



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cc. Laura Beliveau Staff Attorney

