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September 7, 2022

James Trimarchi Southwestern Vermont Medical Center 100 Hospital Drive Bennington, VT 05201

RE: Docket No. GMCB-019-19con, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center Modernization of Emergency Department and Hospital Main Entrance. Original Project Cost: \$25,801,975. Revised Project Cost: \$31,000,000.

Dear Mr. Trimarchi:

We have reviewed the above referenced request from Southwestern Vermont Medical Center to amend its existing Certificate of Need (Docket No. GMCB-019-19con) to increase the total project cost from \$25,801,975 to \$31,000,000, to accommodate adjustments to the design in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and inflation of costs for construction materials and labor. The Board's review of this material change is now closed.

Individuals or entities have up to five business days following the closure of the Board's review of this material change request to petition for interested party or amicus curiae status. Any such petitions in this proceeding must be submitted in writing to the GMCB at the address listed below, on or before September 14, 2022. Comments from the public will be accepted through September 19, 2022, ten calendar days after the date of this close letter. Following the conclusion of this comment period, the Board will deliberate and issue a written decision.

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

Sincerely,

s/ Donna JerryDonna JerrySenior Health Policy Analyst

cc. Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney, Green Mountain Care Board

