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Shawn P. Tester, Chief Executive Officer
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital
1315 Hospital Drive
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

**RE: Docket No. GMCB-005-23con, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, West Wing
Expansion Project, Project Cost: \$14,464,831.**

Dear Mr. Tester:

We have reviewed the above-referenced Certificate of Need (CON) application submitted by Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital.

The application is now closed. The closing of the application begins the Board's statutory review period during which the application will be evaluated against the relevant statutory and regulatory criteria. Since an applicant bears the burden of proving that a project meets these criteria, the Board may contact Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital with additional questions or require further submissions during the review period.

Individuals or entities have up to five business days following the closure of an application to petition for interested party or amicus curiae status. If no petitions are filed within this time period (by June 27, 2023), the Board will not hold a hearing in this matter and comments on the application will be accepted through June 30, 2023, ten calendar days after the date of this application close letter. Following the conclusion of this comment period, the Board will deliberate and issue a written decision on the application.

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

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry
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cc. Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney, Green Mountain Care Board

