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**Re: Docket No. GMCB-004-23con, Development of Outpatient Surgery Center on Tilley Drive, Project Cost: \$129,640,703.**

Dear Ms. Jerry:

The University of Vermont Medical Center Inc. (“UVM Medical Center”) hereby responds to the Green Mountain Care Board’s (the “Board”) requests for additional information regarding UVM Medical Center’s June 21, 2024 request for authorization to incur a \$20,000 liability to order dry transformers, distribution and branch panelboards, and switch gear (the “Electrical Equipment”) before a Certificate of Need is approved.

- 1. Given that a decision is expected to be issued by July 29, 2024, explain in more detail why the equipment needs to be ordered now instead of once the decision is issued.**

Response:

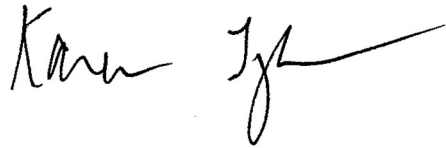
The price that UVM Medical Center noted in its June 21, 2024 request is for the purchase of the Electrical Equipment as a package. Each of the three types of equipment that make up the package has a different lead time, and the lead time for the switch gear is the longest. On June 21, 2024, UVM Medical Center was informed that the lead time for the switch gear was ninety (90) weeks. We are told that the lead time for the switch gear would be fifty-five (55) weeks if UVM Medical Center ordered it today. Lead times for the Electrical Equipment are in constant flux, and this is one of the reasons UVM Medical Center prefers to place an order as soon as possible to lock down this variable in the construction planning process.

UVM Medical Center and its contractors have developed a detailed schedule for construction of the proposed outpatient surgery center upon issuance of a Certificate of Need, which includes

activities and milestones that must proceed in sequence, and provides for installation of the switch gear on July 29, 2025. UVM Medical Center must order the Electrical Equipment on or before July 9, 2024 to ensure its receipt by July 25, 2025, assuming lead time is fifty-five (55) weeks. Per the current construction schedule, if UVM Medical Center does not receive the switch gear by July 25, 2025, construction of the OSC will be delayed from that date until the switch gear is delivered.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Tyler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Tyler  
Associate General Counsel