

STATE OF VERMONT
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD

In re: Brattleboro Memorial Hospital)
Construction of New Medical Office Building) GCMC -001-16con

PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR THE APPLICANT

Pursuant to Certificate of Need (CON) rule §4.406, the Office of the Health Care Advocate submits the following Proposed Questions for the Applicant to the Green Mountain Care Board in the above-captioned CON application review. These questions relate to the boiler replacement portion of the CON project.

1. Please supply any updated analysis or information you have obtained about the boiler replacement portion of the project since the L.N. Consulting analysis dated June 1, 2016 including all updated information about different fuel types that have been considered. If you have not obtained updated information about the relative costs of different fuel types please explain why not.
2. If you do not have a report about options for the boiler replacement prepared in the past three months from Efficiency Vermont (EVT), please obtain a current report from EVT describing your options for replacing your boiler plant including all options considered by EVT, incentives available on those options by EVT including fuel incentives, and EVT's recommendation for what option would provide the best cost savings when all incentives are included. Further, please describe whether you plan to conform your project to EVT's recommendation, and if not, explain why.
3. Please describe how the proposed fuel type for the boiler replacement project is consistent with the stated purpose of the hospital's 2014-15 Energy Action Plan "[t]o reduce operational cost savings, improve building comfort & performance, improve the patient care experience and reduce our environmental impact."
4. Have you obtained any economic analysis that includes incentives, financing interest rates or inflation adjustment as described on page 7 of the L.N. Consulting report? If so, please provide it.
5. L.N. Consulting made the following recommendation (p.8) in its report:
*The results of the study indicate that a No. 2 fuel oil plant has the least expensive initial cost and least impact on the existing hospital site. **However, this fuel has the greatest impact on the environment in relation to carbon emissions** (emphasis supplied). At the current fuel oil price, propane and compressed natural gas do not yield a payback; however, we would recommend that any boiler that is installed be equipped with dual*

fuel burners to allow for future flexibility in the event that natural gas or propane becomes economically feasible.

Please describe how you have incorporated this recommendation in your planning given current information about the economic cost of different fuel types and existing fuel incentives.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 7th day of April, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lila Richardson, hereby certify that I have served the above Proposed Questions for the Applicant on Judith Henkin, General Counsel to the Green Mountain Care Board; Noel Hudson, Health Policy Director of the Green Mountain Care Board, Donna Jerry, Green Mountain Care Board Health Policy Analyst and Anne Cramer, Legal Counsel for Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, by electronic mail, return receipt requested this 7th day of April, 2017.

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