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Ms. Mari Cordes
Vermont Federation of Nurses and health Professionals
308 Pine St.
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Dear Mari:

Thank you for your email dated November 6, 2014 inquiring about the impact of Fletcher Allen's request to the Board to suspend review of the proposed real estate purchase in South Burlington until the Board completes its review and issues a decision for the proposed inpatient bed replacement project.

First, you are correct that the Board's decision to suspend review of the proposed real estate purchase does not preclude you from seeking intervener status after the Board provides notice that the application is closed. Further, the Board will, in this instance, accept an application for intervener status prior to closing the application, during the suspension period for this application. The Board is taking that step in this case because, by addressing requests for intervener status during the suspension period, the Board can eliminate any delay caused by receiving and resolving such requests after the suspension period ends and the application is closed. *See* GMCB Rule 4.00 Certificate of Need, § 4.800(1) (Board may waive application of Rule to prevent unnecessary delay).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-828-2918.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry
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Health Policy Analyst

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