

identifies a significant ongoing investment and business plan concerning its operating room utilization that could be disrupted by the proposed project. *Id.* NMC's request identifies substantial and direct financial and business operation impacts sufficient to justify interested party status under 18 V.S.A. § 9440(c)(7) and Rule 4.000, § 4.406(3).

NMC also describes its interests and relevance as an interested party in connection with the CON criteria. Rule 4.000, § 4.406(2). NMC expresses tangible concerns related to the cost of care, 18 V.S.A. § 9437(3), to an undue adverse impact on existing services, 18 V.S.A. § 9437(5), and to the duplication of services, 18 V.S.A. § 9431. NMC Motion to Intervene at 2, 3. NMC's motion inherently raises issues of necessity, as identified by a party with a proximate interest in these proceedings. Accordingly, NMC has demonstrated how relevant CON criteria relate to the request to intervene.

Of note, the Board recognizes that NMC is a member organization of the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (VAHHS). Via separate order, VAHHS has also been granted interested party status to this proceeding. While NMC and VAHHS share some common interests, NMC's proximate and immediate interest in the proposed project differs from the significant interests VAHHS represents on behalf of its sixteen-hospital membership. VAHHS Motion to Intervene (July 31, 2015) at 1.

Based on the above, the Board grants NMC's motion for interested party status in this docket. NMC shall be copied by all parties on all materials entered into the record and materials submitted by NMC shall be admitted into record and copied to all parties. Finally, if NMC intends to submit any proposed questions for the Board to consider posing to the applicant, it must do so on or before September 4, 2015.

Dated: August 13, 2015
Montpelier, Vermont

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD

By: /s/ Alfred Gobeille
Alfred Gobeille, Chair