

August 8, 2016

Donna Jerry, Health Care Administrator
Green Mountain Care Board
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RE: Questions dated July 29, 2016 related to Docket No. GMCB-017-15con
CON for replacement boiler plant at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center

Dear Ms. Jerry,

Below find responses to the questions posed in the later dated July 29, 2016.

1. If environmental remediation were to be needed, identify the contingency plan for financing any required remediation?

Engineering review suggest that environmental remediation will not likely be necessary. However, in the unlikely event that environmental remediation is required, funds from operations or saving will be used to finance the remediation. Moreover, the expense of remediation will not be used as rationale to increase charges, rates or net patient revenue.

2. Identify the decrease in annual operating expenses related to reduced staff expense resulting from the project (See Application, page 14).

No staff will be reduced as part of this project. The indication of staff reductions on page 14 is an error. All operational savings associated with this project derive from reductions in fuel costs. The financial tables submitted with the CON application reflect this position.

3. Provide a detailed explanation of the impact the project will have on charges, rates and net patient revenue.

No changes in charges, rates or net patient revenue are associated with the project.

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We thank the Green Mountain Care Board for considering this important project.



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