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Brian L. Freeman Vice President of Operations Stanly Regional Medical Center 301 Yadkin Street Albermarle, North Carolina 28002

Exempt from Review - Replacement Equipment

Facility: Stanly Regional Medical Center

Project Description: Replace existing MRI scanner

County: Stanly

FID #:

Dear Mr. Freeman:

In response to your letter of August 10, 2012, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C.G.S 131E-184(a)(7). Therefore, you may proceed to acquire, without a certificate of need, the GE Optima MR450w 32ch GEM 1.5T MRI to replace the existing GE Signa HDMR 1.5T MRI. Once the existing GE Signa HDMR 1.5T MRI is removed, a temporary mobile MRI scanner will be leased and operated on site. The temporary mobile MRI scanner will be removed from the site once the new GE Optima MR450w 32ch GEM 1.5T MRI is operational on site. This determination is based on your representations that the existing unit will be removed from North Carolina and will not be used again in the State without first obtaining a certificate of need. Further, please be advised that as soon as the replacement equipment is acquired, you must provide the CON Section and the Medical Facilities Planning Section with the serial number of the new equipment to update the inventory, if not already provided. In addition, you should contact the Construction Section to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

It should be noted that this Agency's position is based solely on the facts represented by you and that any change in facts as represented would require further consideration by this Agency and a separate determination.



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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Gloria C. Hale, Project Analyst

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Craig R. Smith, Chief Certificate of Need Section

cc: Construction Section, DHSR