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March 29, 2019

Elizabeth V. Kirkman
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Exempt from Review

Record #: 2909
Facility Name: Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast
FID #: 943049
Business Name: The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority
Business #: 1770
Project Description: Replacement of five cooling towers in the central energy plant
County: Cabarrus

Dear Ms. Kirkman:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letter of **March 22, 2019**, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-184(a)(4). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

However, you need to contact the Agency's Construction and Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Sections to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented by you. Consequently, if changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in your correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by the Agency. Changes in a project include, but are not limited to: (1) increases in the capital cost; (2) acquisition of medical equipment not included in the original cost estimate; (3) modifications in the design of the project; (4) change in location; and (5) any increase in the number of square feet to be constructed.

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

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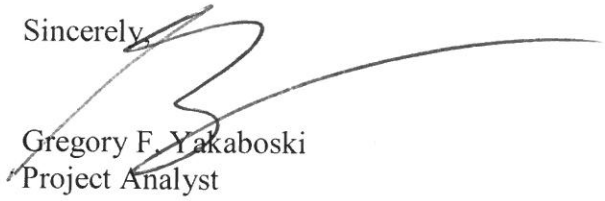
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Sincerely,



Gregory F. Yakaboski
Project Analyst



Martha J. Frisone
Chief, Healthcare Planning and
Certificate of Need Section

cc: Construction Section, DHSR
Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR



March 22, 2019

Ms. Martha Frisone, Chief
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section
Division of Health Service Regulation
809 Ruggles Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603

RE: Exemption Request for The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast to replace five cooling towers in the Central Energy Plant

Dear Ms. Frisone:

This letter serves as notification of The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast's (CHS NE) intent to replace five cooling towers located on the roof of the Central Energy Plant. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 131 E-184 (a)(4), this project is exempt from certificate of need review.

CHS NE intends to replace the five existing 800-ton cooling towers that are at the end of their useful life with three 1,000-ton cooling towers. As part of this project, CHS NE will:

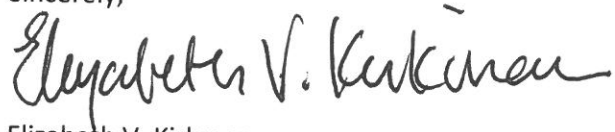
- Install new structural steel supports for the cooling towers
- Replace control valves in the condenser water system
- Install heat trace cable and thermal insulation for condenser water piping that is on the roof
- Modify piping to the two existing heat exchangers
- Perform roof lighting maintenance
- Modify the booster pump package

The estimated capital cost of the cooling tower replacement project is \$2,950,000.

Based upon the project as described above and pursuant to N.C.G.S. 131E-184(a)(4), this letter serves as notification of our intent to proceed with this project. We would appreciate your written concurrence that this project is exempt from certificate of need review.

If you have any questions or require further information regarding these upgrades, please contact me at 704-446-8475.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth V. Kirkman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Elizabeth V. Kirkman
Assistant Vice President
CHS Strategic Services Group

cc: Phyllis Wingate, President, Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast