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March 14, 2023

Elizabeth Kirkman
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Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment

Record #: 4160
Date of Request: March 6, 2023
Facility Name: Atrium Health Cabarrus
FID #: 943049
Business Name: The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority
Business #: 1770
Project Description: Replace central energy plant equipment
County: Cabarrus

Dear Ms. Kirkman:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(4). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

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.

Sincerely,

Donna Donihi
Project Analyst

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Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR

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Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Chief
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section
Division of Health Service Regulation
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RE: Exemption Request for The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Atrium Health Cabarrus to Replace Electrical Switchgear Equipment in Central Energy Plant 1

Dear Ms. Frisone:

This letter serves as notification of The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Atrium Health Cabarrus's intent to replace existing electrical switchgear equipment that is housed in Central Energy Plant 1 ("CEP-1"). Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 131 E-184 (a)(4), this project is exempt from Certificate of Need review.

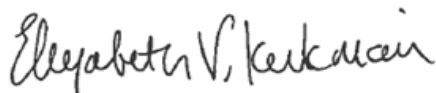
Atrium Health Cabarrus intends to replace the existing main medium-voltage switchgear that currently serves all of the equipment within CEP-1, including 3 350-HP boilers, 3 1000-ton cooling towers and their associated condenser and chilled water pumps, as well as 3 800-ton chillers which are required for peak cooling season. The existing switchgear equipment is more than 30 years old, and breakers and other critical components are no longer available.

The estimated total capital cost of this project, which includes the cost of the equipment as well as the cost to renovate an old generator room to house the new main switchgear equipment, is greater than \$4,216,000.

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 980-622-7049.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth V. Kirkman
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