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VIA EMAIL ONLY

February 8, 2021

Bruce Bennett

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Exempt from Review

Record #: 3473
Date of Request: January 13, 2021
Facility Name: Blue Ridge Regional Hospital, Inc.
FID #: 953466
Business Name: MH Blue Ridge Medical Center, LLP
Business #: 3334
Project Description: Replace two elevator machines and motors located in the elevator machine room of the main facility building
County: Mitchell

Dear Mr. Bennett:

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,

Ena Lightbourne
Project Analyst

Lisa Pittman
Assistant Chief, Certificate of Need

cc: Construction Section, DHSR
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January 13, 2021

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 MH Mission Hospital, LLLP d/b/a Blue Ridge Regional Hospital to complete infrastructure upgrades to existing elevators.

Dear Ms. Frisone:

This letter serves as notification that MH Mission Hospital, LLLP d/b/a Blue Ridge Regional Hospital intent to complete an upgrade to its elevator system. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 131 E-184 (a)(4), this project is exempt from certificate of need review.

Blue Ridge Regional Hospital intends to replace two elevator machines and motors located in the elevator machine room of the main facility building. Included in this project, Blue Ridge Regional Hospital will:

- Add new microprocessor controllers, drives, selectors and door operators.
- Signal fixtures in the cars with provisions for physically disabled persons.
- Add devices as required for safely operating elevators at the proper speed and capacity.
- Add compatible hoist motors and clutches.
- Install lockable elevator and cab light disconnects.
- Bring the elevator pits and electrical rooms up to current building code by adding safety lighting and a smoke detector.

The estimated capital cost for the elevator modification project is \$475,000.00

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

If you have any questions or require further information regarding these upgrades, please contact me at 843-562-7052

Bruce Bennett

Sincerely,
Bruce Bennett, BHA, M.O.M.
AVP, Facilities
North Carolina Division, Mission Hospital
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Ms. Martha Frisone, Chief
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RE: Exemption Request for MH Mission Hospital, LLLP d/b/a Highlands-Cashiers Hospital to complete infrastructure upgrades to existing elevators.

Dear Ms. Frisone:

This letter serves as notification that MH Mission Hospital, LLLP d/b/a Highlands-Cashiers Hospitals intent to complete an upgrade to its elevator system. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 131 E-184 (a)(4), this project is exempt from certificate of need review.

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital intends to replace one elevator machine and motor located in the elevator machine room of the main facility building. Included in this project, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will:

- Add new microprocessor controllers, drives, selectors and door operators.
- Signal fixtures in the cars with provisions for physically disabled persons.
- Replace jack seals and dispose of any excess oil.
- Add devices as required for safely operating elevators at the proper speed and capacity.
- Add compatible hoist motors and clutches.
- Bring the elevator pit and electrical room up to current building code by adding safety lighting and GFI receptacles.

The estimated capital cost for the elevator modification project is \$183,000.00

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

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RE: Exemption Request for MH Mission Hospital, LLLP d/b/a Mission Hospital to complete infrastructure upgrades to existing elevators.

Dear Ms. Frisone:

This letter serves as notification that MH Mission Hospital, LLLP d/b/a Mission Hospital's intent to complete an upgrade to its elevator system. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 131 E-184 (a)(4), this project is exempt from certificate of need review.

Mission Hospital intends to replace ten elevator machines and motors located in the elevator machine rooms of the main facility building. Included in this project, Mission Hospital will:

- Replace the dual car station and terminal landing hall stations.
- Add signal fixtures in the cars with provisions for physically disabled persons.
- Update the existing canoe type car fixtures.
- Add voice annunciators, digital position indicator, elevator communication system to bring up to code.
- Add a fire service cabinet and emergency lighting at each car opening per code requirement.
- Replace existing door operators.
- Bring the number 16 elevator pit and electrical room up to code requirement with safety lighting, smoke detector and GFI receptacles.

The estimated capital cost for the elevator modification project is \$655,000.00

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



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