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VIA EMAIL ONLY

November 7, 2025

Catherine Cummer
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Exempt from Review

Record #: 4993
Date of Request: November 5, 2025
Facility Name: Duke University Hospital
FID #: 943138
Business Name: Duke University Health System, Inc.
Business #: 640
Project Description: Upgrades to electrical equipment
County: Durham

Dear Ms. Cummer:

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,

Cynthia Bradford
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

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

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Catharine W. Cummer
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November 5, 2025

Via Electronic Mail

Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Chief
Ms. Cynthia Bradford, Project Analyst
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section
Division of Health Service Regulation
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Re: Notice of Exempt Renovation Activities

Dear Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Bradford:

The purpose of this letter is to provide written notice of planned renovation activities on the Duke University Hospital main campus. Duke University Hospital is planning to upgrade electrical gear and distribution systems at a total project cost in excess of the capital cost threshold for a new institutional health service established in G.S. 131E-176(16)b. It is our understanding that this renovation is exempt from certificate of need review.

§ 131E-184 (a)(4) provides an exemption from certificate of need review for capital expenditures “to provide parking, heating or cooling systems, elevators, or other basic plant or mechanical improvements, unless these activities are integral portions of a project that involves the construction of a new health service facility or portion thereof and that is subject to certificate of need review.” This project is for basic plant improvements, namely electrical equipment including panels, switchboards, and transformers, and is not integral to any CON project.

Please let this letter serve as the required written notice of this project. We would appreciate your confirmation that this is exempt from further review. If you have questions about this information, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Catharine W. Cummer

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From: [Catharine Cummer](#)
To: [Stancil, Tiffany C](#)
Cc: [Lara Orgain](#)
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Tiffany,

I hope you're doing well! Attached please find an exemption notice for Duke University Hospital in Durham County. Could you please let me know if I need to send it directly to the analyst also? Thank you!

Catharine

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