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May 24, 2012

Catharine W. Cummer, Regulatory Counsel  
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RE: Exempt from Review / Duke University Health System / Maintenance and expansion of the Cardiology Picture Archive and Communication System (C-PACS) for Duke University Hospital, Durham Regional Hospital and Duke Raleigh Hospital / Durham and Wake County

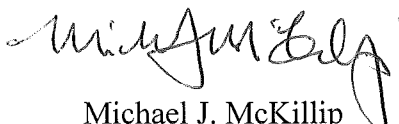
Dear Ms. Cummer:


In response to your correspondence of May 7, 2012, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C.G.S 131E-184(a)(3). 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 Certificate of Need Section. 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,

  
Michael J. McKillip  
Project Analyst

  
Craig R. Smith, Chief  
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**Mckillip, Mike**

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**From:** Catharine Cummer [catharine.cummer@duke.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2012 9:50 AM  
**To:** Mckillip, Mike  
**Subject:** Notice of acquisition of PACS system



Mike,

I am writing you to notify you of Duke University Health System's proposal to spend approximately \$1.2 million in capital and \$113K in start-up expenses to maintain and expand the Duke University Health System (DUHS) Cardiology Picture Archive & Communication System (C-PACS). The PACS is a data management, reporting, image storage, and retrieval system that serves the adult and pediatric cardiac catheterization, electrophysiology, and echocardiography laboratories of Duke University Hospital (DUH), Durham Regional Hospital (DRH), and Duke Raleigh Hospital (DRAH). This project will cost less than \$2 million, and in any event would be exempt from certificate of need review as a project to provide "data processing equipment" pursuant to N.C.S.S. Section 131E-184(3). Please let me know if you have any questions about this project. Thank you very much.

Catharine

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