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Exempt from Review

Facility: UNC Hospitals
Project Description: Upgrades and replacements of specific lighting fixtures in Women's and Children's Hospitals
County: Orange
FID #: 923517

Dear Ms. Zerman:

In response to your letter of March 11, 2013, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C.G.S 131E-184(a)(1). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

However, you need to contact the Construction and & (add the appropriate licensure section) Sections of the Division of Health Service Regulation 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 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,



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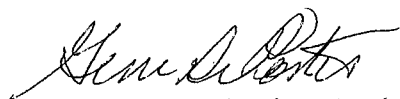
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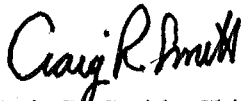
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March 8, 2013

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Re: Request for a determination of Exemption from Review / Lighting replacement and upgrade for the specific locations within UNC Hospitals / UNC Hospitals / Orange County

Dear Mr. DePorter:

UNC Hospitals is requesting a determination of Exemption from Review to confirm that an expenditure for required upgrades and replacements of specific lighting fixtures and systems mostly located in the Women's and Children's Hospitals and the connecting concourse to Memorial Hospital, pursuant to NCGS 131E-184 Exemptions from Review. UNC Hospitals is requesting the determination of Exemption from Review as the project involves improvements to existing lighting systems to bring the lighting systems in compliance with current codes (i.e. NFPS-101, NEC, NC Building Code and NC Energy Conservation Code) and the illumination levels to comply with IESNA Recommendations and Healthcare Best Practices.

This project is required to correct issues with many of the existing lighting fixtures that have performance issues, safety problems, and are difficult to maintain. The total cost for these corrections is estimated to be approximately \$4,000,000. Specifically, the renovation is limited to the following select fixtures of the hospitals:

1. The colored up-light metal halide wall mounted and metal halide down-light fixtures in the three lobbies of the main hospital including the Memorial's, the Children's and Women's Hospital lobbies of level G.
2. The neon and metal halide down-light fixtures in the transitional areas between the lobbies.
3. The in-wall fiber-rope lighting systems in the Children's Hospital lobby and connector between the Children's and Women's Hospital.
4. The colored neon backlit ceiling in the Women's Hospital lobby.
5. The white and colored neon concealed in coves throughout the Hospitals.

6. The 2-pin compact fluorescent down-light (CFC) fixtures throughout the Hospitals, including areas such as patient rooms, exam rooms, corridors, and imaging and OR suites.
7. The track art lighting in the Children's Hospital.
8. The white and colored neon, 2-pin CFC, and perimeter sparkle fixtures in the Children's Hospital play areas.
9. The addition of column mounted fluorescent scone fixtures in the lobbies and the connectors.

Additionally, the lighting controls will be renovated as needed to comply with current needs of the spaces. The replacements will improve the performance, functionality and maintainability of these lighting systems. Thus, this project does not involve the addition of any licensed beds, major medical equipment, licensed programs, health services, or any health care service renovations.

UNC Hospitals is requesting confirmation that the proposed lighting replacements and upgrades are exempt from review pursuant to G.S. 131E-184. G.S. 131E-184(a) allows the CON Section to exempt from review a new institutional health service if it receives prior written notice from the entity proposing the new institutional health service, which included an explanation of why the new institutional health service is required, for any of the following: ... (4) 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.... As described above, this project involves lighting upgrade and replacements to existing UNC Hospitals' facilities. Additionally, the project is not an integral portion of a new health service facility, and does not involve the construction of a new health service facility or the creation of a new health service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me a 919-966-1129 if you need any additional information. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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