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June 30, 2017

Gary S. Qualls 430 Davis Drive, Suite 400 Morrisville, NC 27560

**Exempt from Review** 

Record #:

2311

Facility Name:

University of North Carolina Hospitals

FID #:

923517

Business Name:

University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill

Business #:

1900

Project Description:

Construct a new surgical tower to accommodate the relocation of 24 existing operating rooms, 56

existing licensed acute care beds, central sterile processing, educational conference rooms and

classrooms

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Dear Mr. Qualls:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letter of June 22, 2017 the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-184(g). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

However, you need to contact the Agency's Construction and Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Sections 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 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,

Bernetta Thorne-Williams

Project Analyst

Martha J. Frisone

Chief, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section

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Construction Section, DHSR

Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR Paige Bennett, Assistant Chief, Healthcare Planning, DHSR

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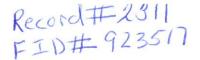
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#### Via Hand Delivery

Martha Frisone Chief Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Service Regulation Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section 809 Ruggles Drive Raleigh, North Carolina 27603



Re: <u>University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill's Exemption Notice Regarding</u>
Replacement Surgical Tower

Dear Ms. Frisone:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g), the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill ("UNCH") gives this prior written notice of a proposed exempt project. As you know, UNCH is a licensed hospital and is thus an existing "health service facility" under the CON Law. See N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(9b). This Exempt Project entails construction of a Surgical Tower that will be adjacent and connected to the current Main Campus Hospital Building, which houses the current beds and operating rooms, located at 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The new Replacement Surgical Tower will have the same address.

#### **Exemption Provisions**

This Exempt Project falls within the "Main Campus Exemption Provisions" in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g)(1)-(3). Main Campus Exemption Provisions provide as follows:

(g) The Department shall exempt from the certificate of need review and any capital expenditure that exceeds the two million dollar (\$2,000,000) threshold set forth in G.S. 131E-176(16)b if all of the following conditions are met:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although some portions of UNCH's Main Campus Hospital Building have different names, they are all connected as one single Main Campus Building. See Exhibits 1 and 2.

- (1) The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to renovate, replace on the same site, or expand the entirety or a portion of an existing health service facility that is located on the main campus.
- (2) The capital expenditure does not result in (i) a change in bed capacity as defined in G.S. 131E-176(5) or (ii) the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service facility other than that allowed in G.S. 131E-176(16)b.
- (3) The licensed health service facility proposing to incur the capital expenditure shall provide written notice to the Department along with supporting documentation to demonstrate that it meets the exemption criteria of this subsection.

For purposes of the foregoing Main Campus Exemption Provisions in Section 131E-184(g), the term "main campus" is defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(14n) as follows:

- (14n) "Main campus" means all of the following for the purpose of G.S. 131E-184(f) and (g) only:
  - a. The site of the main building from which a licensed health service facility provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility, including the buildings and grounds adjacent to that main building.
  - b. Other areas and structures that are not strictly contiguous to the main building but are located within 250 yards of the main building.

Here, the proposed Replacement Surgical Tower will actually be connected to the existing UNCH Main Campus Hospital Building, as shown in Exhibits 1 and 2. Clinical patient services, financial control, and administrative control of UNCH are provided in the Main Campus Hospital Building, to which the proposed new Surgical Tower will be connected. Only existing health services currently offered at UNCH will be provided as a result of this Exempt Project.

In accordance with Section 131E-184(g)(2), the Exempt Project's capital expenditures will "not result in (i) a change in bed capacity as defined in G.S. 131E-176(5) or (ii) the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service facility other than that allowed in G.S. 131E-176(16)b." No new operating rooms will be developed and no major medical equipment will be acquired as a result of this Exempt Project.

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The capital expenditure for the Replacement Surgical Tower will exceed \$2 million. The current estimated capital expenditure is \$290 Million. See Exhibit 3.

### **Project Summary**

The Replacement Surgical Tower will be constructed in the southwest corner of the Hospital directly in front of the Memorial Hospital segment of the Main Campus Hospital Building. The Replacement Surgical Tower will connect to the Main Campus Hospital Building on basement, ground, second floor, and possibly the fourth floor. The primary purpose of the Replacement Surgical Tower will be to provide replacement operating rooms meeting current design guidelines and co-location of inpatient bed services typically associated with surgery.

#### **Operating Rooms**

A total of 24 ORs will be relocated. As shown in Exhibit 1:

- 16 of the relocated ORs will be relocated from the main OR suite on the 2nd floor of the Memorial Hospital segment of the Main Campus Hospital Building;
- three (3) ORs will be relocated from the OR annex suite, also on the 2nd floor of the Memorial Hospital segment of the Main Campus Hospital Building; and
- five (5) ORs will be relocated from the 4th floor OR suite in the Patient Support segment of the Main Campus Hospital Building.

The placement of ORs in the Replacement Surgical Tower is depicted, level by level, in Exhibit 2. Planning for the backfill of those areas is still being developed. It is anticipated that they will be used for some type of procedural function that could potentially utilize the existing rooms. Once that planning is completed, a separate CON request may be submitted for any backfill projects and they will be treated as discrete projects.

#### **Inpatient Beds**

Fifty six (56) acute care beds are proposed to be relocated to the Replacement Surgical Tower. As shown in Exhibit 1, these relocated beds include:

- 16 beds from the Surgical ICU (SICU);
- 16 beds from Neurosurgery ICU (NSICU);
- nine (9) beds from the Cardiothoracic ICU (CTICU);
- 13 beds from the Cardiac ICU (CICU); and

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two (2) beds from the Medicine ICU (MICU).

The final service line and bed distribution in the Replacement Surgical Tower is still being developed, but they will likely be combined into just three services (SICU, CTICU, and NSICU). The vacated beds will be used as observation beds.

#### **Other Supporting Services**

Central sterile processing will be relocated to the Replacement Surgical Tower with the surgical services administrative and business offices. Educational conference/classrooms will be included as well. The ground floor lobby will provide typical patient access and amenities such as registration, discharge waiting, and food service or coffee bar. See Exhibit 2.

#### Conclusion

Based on the foregoing information, UNCH requests that the Agency provide a written response confirming that UNCH's Replacement Surgical Tower, which is located on UNCH's main campus, is exempt from certificate of need review. We thank you for your consideration for this notice.

Sincerely,

Gary S. Qualls

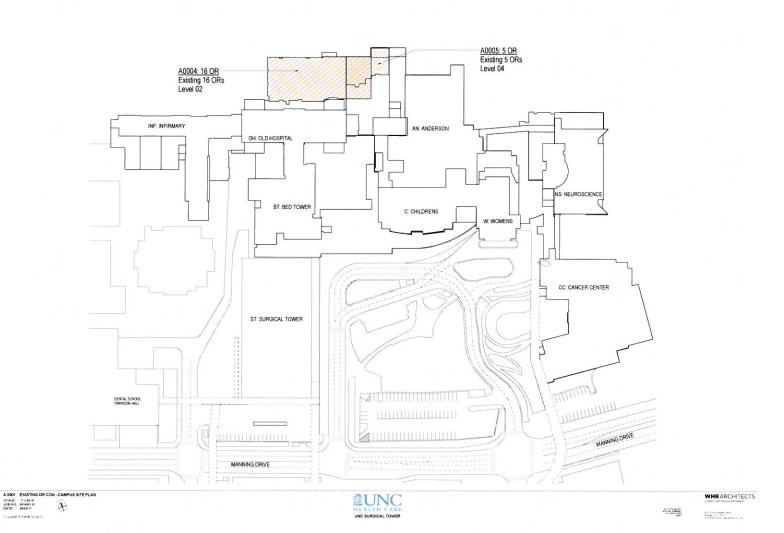
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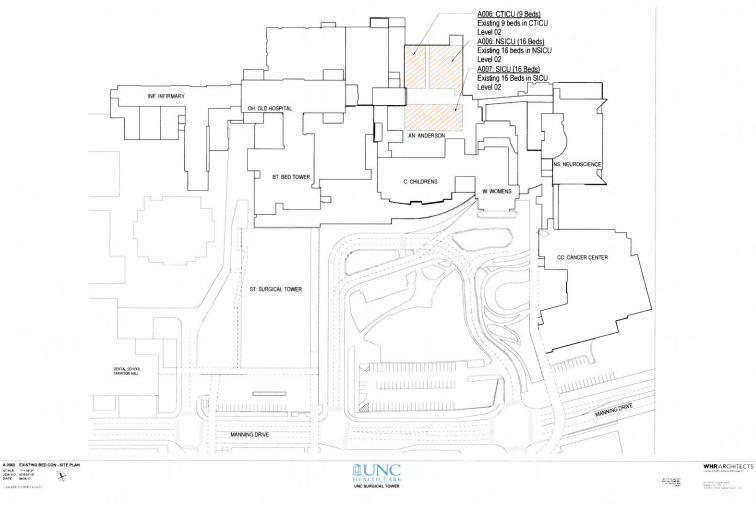
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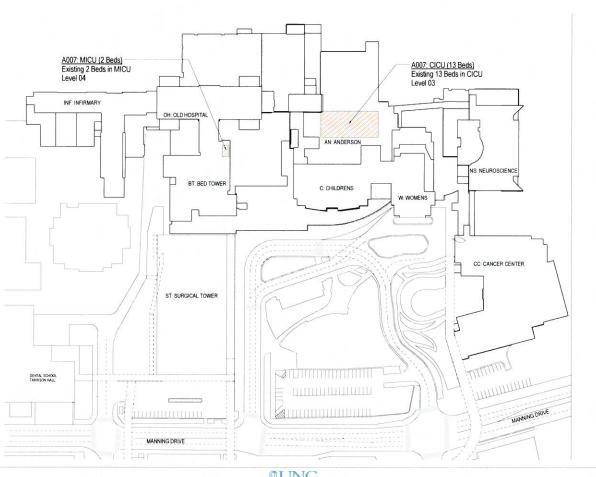
#### **Exhibit List**

- 1. Line Drawings Showing Physical Relationship of Existing Main Campus Hospital Building to new Replacement Surgical Tower and <u>Current Locations of Existing Beds and Operating Rooms to be Relocated to Replacement Surgical Tower</u>
- 2. Line Drawings Showing Physical Relationship of Existing Main Campus Hospital Building to new Replacement Surgical Tower and Locations of <u>Relocated</u> Beds and Operating Rooms in Replacement Surgical Tower
- 3. Certified Cost Estimate for the Exempt Replacement Surgical Tower









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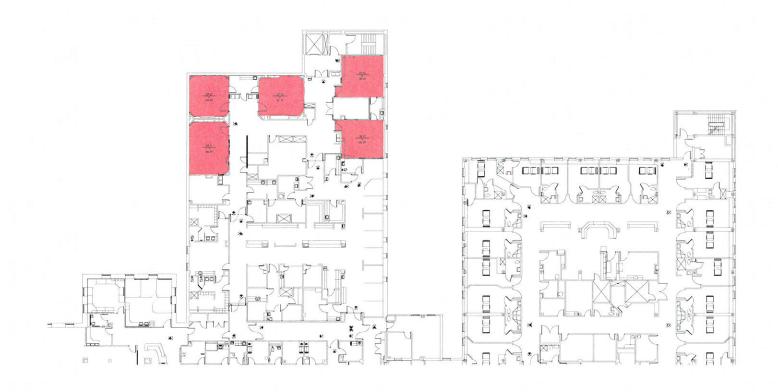
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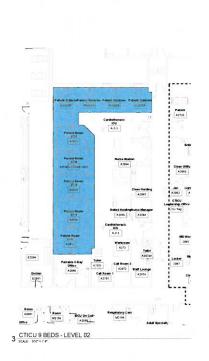


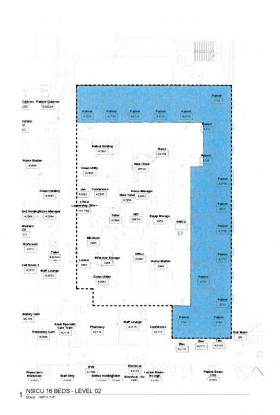
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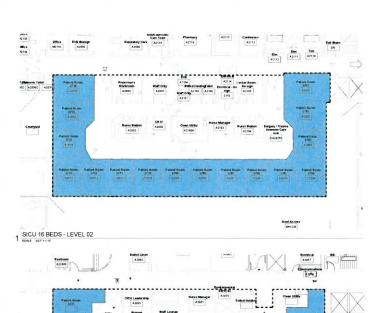


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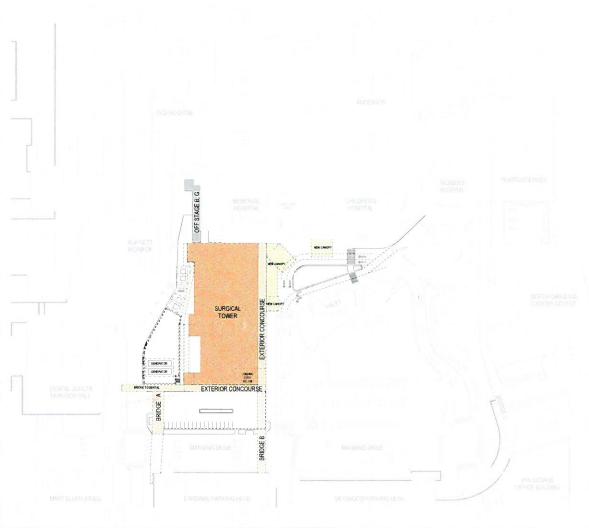


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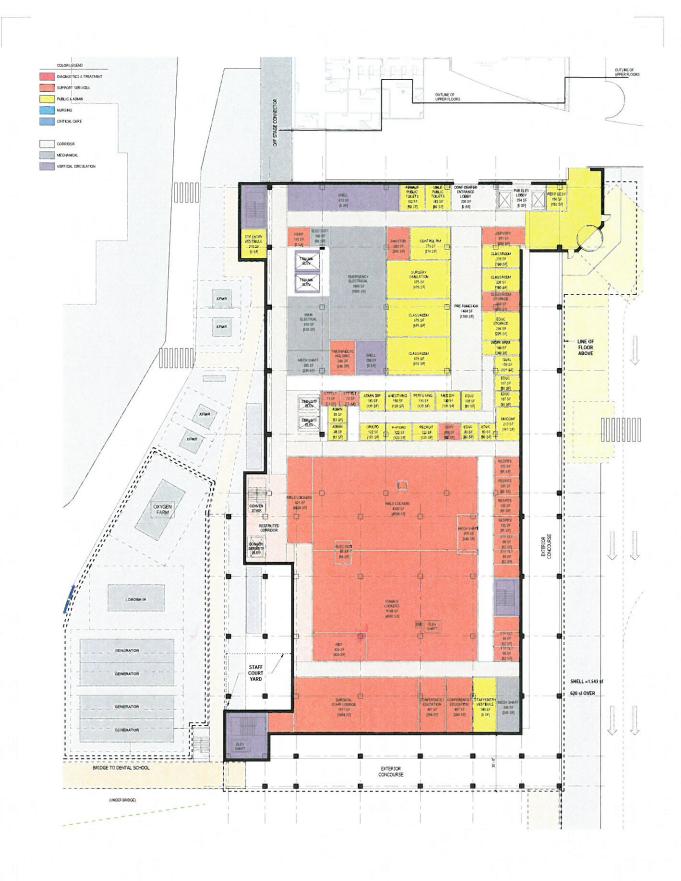
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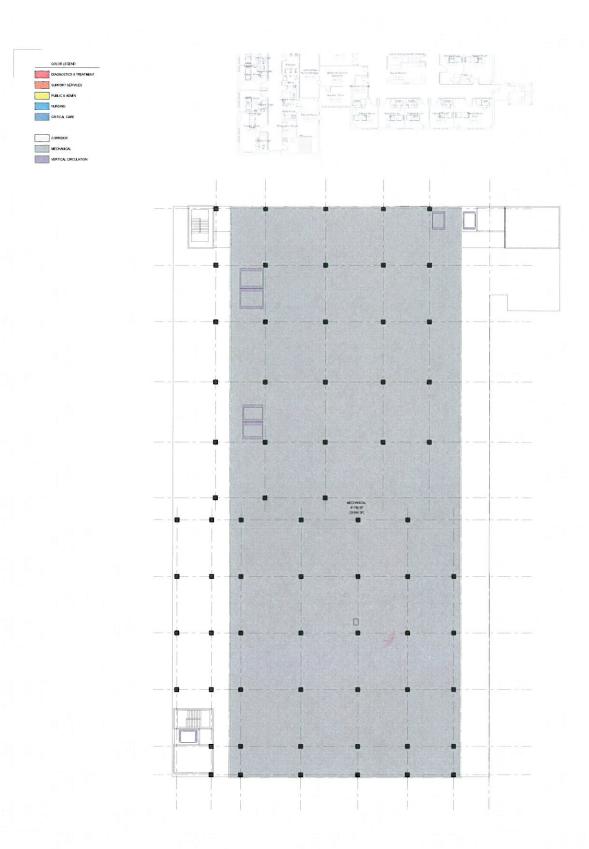
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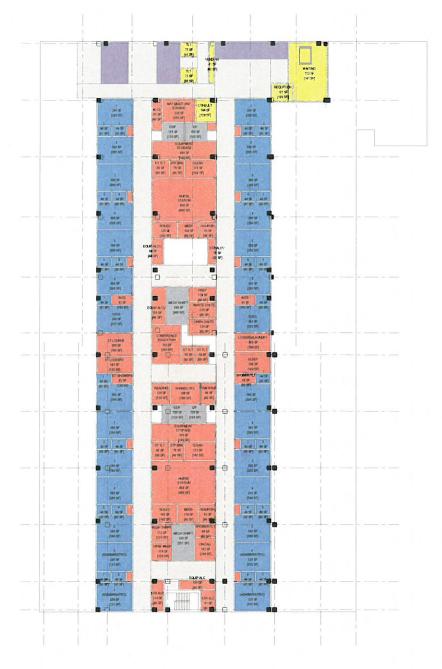
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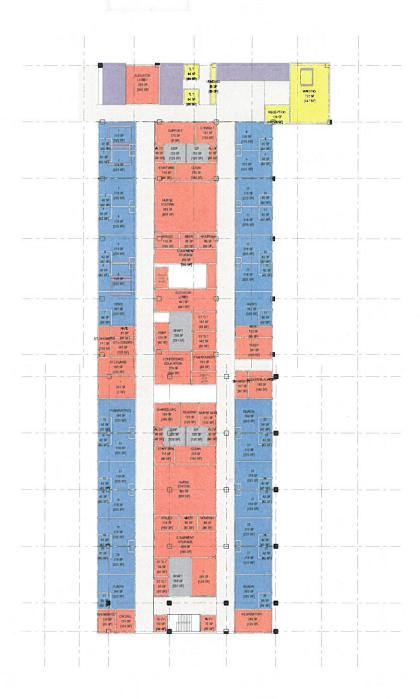
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I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above construction related costs of the proposed project named above are complete and

Signature of Licensed Architect or Engineer



April 10, 2017

Date