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September 27, 2017

Catharine W. Cumber
3100 Tower Blvd, Suite 1300
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Exempt from Review

Record #: 2394
Business Name: Duke University Health System
Business #: 640
Project Description: Replace existing network routers and switches for data processing equipment and replace unsupported hardware
County: Durham

Dear Ms. Cumber:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letter of September 19, 2017, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with Gen. Stat. §131E-184(a)(3). 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

cc: Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHR
Sharetta Blackwell, Program Assistant Healthcare Planning, DHR

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Moore, Veronica M

From: Catharine Cummer <catharine.cummer@duke.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Frisone, Martha; Williams, Bernetta
Cc: Moore, Veronica M; Mary Messina
Subject: DUHS IT Notice of Exemption

Martha and Bernetta,

I am writing to provide the CON Section with notice of a Duke University Health System information technology project at a capital cost greater than \$2 million. Duke is planning to replace existing network routers and switches supporting Duke Health network connectivity which are at the end of useful life or no longer supported. As with previous similar projects, to the extent that this project would be considered a new institutional health service given its capital cost, it is our understanding that this project is exempt from certificate of need review as necessary for the acquisition and installation of data processing equipment. We would appreciate your confirmation of this understanding.

This is also part of a planned annual network refresh endeavor to replace unsupported hardware. We will continue to notify you of each subsequent phase greater than \$2 million unless you instruct us otherwise. Please let me know if you have any questions about this project. Thank you very much.

Yours,
Catharine

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Williams, Bernetta

From: Catharine Cummer <catharine.cummer@duke.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 12:04 PM
To: Williams, Bernetta
Subject: FW: DUHS IT Notice of Exemption

Bernetta,

In response to your question, I can confirm that the project described below is a system-wide project and is not limited to a particular facility. Thanks!

Catharine

From: Catharine Cummer
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 11:19 AM
To: 'martha.frisone@dhhs.nc.gov'; Bernetta.Williams@dhhs.nc.gov
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