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VIA EMAIL ONLY

August 16, 2023

Robbie Roberts  
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**Exempt from Review**

**Record #:** 4072  
**Date of Request:** July 21, 2023  
**Facility Name:** WakeMed North Hospital  
**FID #:** 990974  
**Business Name:** WakeMed  
**Business #:** 2018  
**Project Description:** Expand the central energy plant  
**County:** Wake

Dear Robbie Roberts:

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,

Crystal Kearney  
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell  
Chief

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

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July 21, 2023

Via Electronic Mail to [Mike.mckillip@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Mike.mckillip@dhhs.nc.gov)

Mr. Michael J. McKillip, Team Leader  
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
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**Re: Request for Exemption from Review/Expand Central Energy Plant at WakeMed North Hospital/  
Wake County**

Dear Mr. McKillip:

This letter is to inform the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section of WakeMed's intent to expand the central energy plant at WakeMed North Hospital (Hospital License No. H0199/FID No. 990974), located at 10000 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh, NC 27614. The proposed project will expand the central energy plant's capacity to provide chilled water, emergency power generation, and domestic hot water, and will allow the hospital to maintain "N+1" redundancy. The N+1 requirement effectively provides that the facility can function normally and without interruption even with the loss of a key piece of utility equipment.

WakeMed believes that this project is exempt from certificate of need review, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §131E-184(a)(4), which states:

*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 construction of a new health service facility or portions thereof and that is subject to certificate of need review.*

We would greatly appreciate the Agency's written confirmation that this project is exempt from certificate of need review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at 919-350-8023 or [rroberts@wakemed.org](mailto:rroberts@wakemed.org).

Sincerely,



Robbie Roberts  
Manager, Market Planning

**From:** [Mckillip, Mike](#)  
**To:** [Stancil, Tiffany C](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Letters of Exemption  
**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2023 4:42:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [Exemption Req WM North New Parking Deck July 2023.pdf](#)  
[Exemption Req WM North Central Plant Expansion July 2023.pdf](#)  
[Exemption Req WM North Expand Parking Deck July 2023.pdf](#)

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Hi Tiffany,

For our records. You can assign them to Crystal, and I will help her with the responses. Thanks.

Mike

**Michael McKillip**

Team Leader, Certificate of Need

Division of Health Service Regulation, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need

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Office: 919-855-3877 (I am in the office on Wednesday and Friday, and can best be reached by email on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.)

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**From:** ROBBIE ROBERTS <RROBERTS@wakemed.org>

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2023 4:08 PM

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**Subject:** [External] Letters of Exemption

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Mike:

I hope you are having a great summer. I've attached Letters of Exemption for the following projects, all for WakeMed North Hospital:

- Expand Central Energy Plant
- Expand Parking Deck
- Construct New Parking Deck

Please let me know if you have questions or need anything else. Thanks.

RR

Robbie Roberts

Manager, Market Planning

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