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November 18, 2008

Gary Dee, MD  
President  
Radiology Associates  
101 North Plains Industrial Road  
Wallingford, CT 06492

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31272-DTR  
Radiology Associates  
Replacement of 4-slice CT Scanner with 16-slice CT Scanner in Wallingford

Dear Dr. Dee:

On November 10, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request on behalf of Radiology Associates ("Applicant") for the replacement of a 4-slice Computed Tomography ("CT") scanner with a 16-slice CT scanner in Wallingford at a total capital expenditure of \$375,000. Upon review of this matter, OHCA finds the following:

- 1) Radiology Associates is an existing provider of imaging services that currently operates at 97 Barnes Road, Wallingford, Connecticut.
- 2) The relocation of this office to 890 North Colony Road, Wallingford, Connecticut, was approved under CON Determination 08-31152.
- 3) Radiology Associates is proposing to acquire a Siemens 16-slice CT scanner at a total capital expenditure of \$375,000 to replace its existing 4-slice CT scanner.
- 4) Radiology Associates has operated a 4-slice CT scanner at this location since approximately 1987, with the existing leased unit being approximately 4 years old. Radiology Associates does not have CON authorization for the existing CT scanner.
- 5) Pursuant to Section 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") states, in part:

*(a) Except as provided in sections 19a-639a to 19a-639c, inclusive, each health care facility or institution, including, but not limited to, any inpatient rehabilitation facility, any health care facility or institution or any state health care facility or institution proposing (1) a capital expenditure exceeding three million dollars, (2) to purchase,*

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*lease or accept donation of major medical equipment requiring a capital expenditure, as defined in regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-643, in excess of three million dollars, or (3) to purchase, lease or accept donation of a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner or MRI scanner, cineangiography equipment, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment utilizing technology that is new or being introduced into this state, including the purchase, lease or donation of equipment or a facility, shall submit a request for approval of such expenditure to the office, with such data, information and plans as the office requires in advance of the proposed initiation date of such project..*

Based on the above findings, pursuant to 19a-639 C.G.S., CON authorization is required for Radiology Associates to acquire the proposed CT scanner. Radiology Associates may file a Letter of Intent with Office of Health Care Access to request the initiation of the Certificate of Need Process.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Alexis Fedorjaczenko, Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7067.

Sincerely,

***Signed by Commissioner Vogel on November 18, 2008***

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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