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CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

June 29, 2009

Andrea Rynn
Director of Public & Government Relations
Danbury Hospital
24 Hospital Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 09-31386-EXM

Danbury Hospital

Install and Implement a Combined Heat and Power Plant at the Hospital's Main Campus

Dear Ms. Rynn:

On June 10, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for an exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the installation and implementation of a combined heat and power plant at 24 Hospital Avenue in Danbury, Connecticut, at a total capital cost of \$17,421,708.

Upon review of the information contained in your request, OHCA makes the following findings:

- 1. Danbury Hospital ("Hospital") is an acute care general hospital located at 24 Hospital Avenue in Danbury, Connecticut.
- 2. The Hospital proposes to install and implement a combined heat and power plant at 24 Hospital Avenue in Danbury, Connecticut, at a total capital cost of \$17,421,708.
- 3. The new plant will allow the Hospital to produce electricity while at the same time use waste heat generated to produce steam for our heating systems.
- 4. The Combine Heat and Power Plant will provide the main Hospital campus with 94% of electrical capacity, 100% of steam capacity and reduce carbon footprint by 41.5% or 11,981 metric tons of CO2.

5. The total capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$17,421,708, and consist of the following:

Table 1: Total Proposed Capital Expenditure

Total Capital Expenditure/ Cost Itemization

Non-Medical Equipment (Purchase) \$10,278,808

Construction/Renovation \$7,142,900

Total Capital Expenditure \$17,421,708

8. The project will be financed through the Hospital's equity of \$15,568,860 and grant funding from DPUC of \$1,852,848.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Danbury Hospital's request to install and implement a combined heat and power plant at 24 Hospital Avenue in Danbury, Connecticut, at a total capital expenditure of \$17,421,708 meets the requirements of Section 19a-639a of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process. Section 19a-639a of the Connecticut General Statutes, states that "the proposed capital expenditure is for a parking lot, garage, information and/or communication system, office space, acquisition of land for nonclinical purposes or acquisition of non-medical equipment and does not exceed \$20 million".

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7001.

Cristine A. Vogel,

Commissioner

Sincerely

Cc: Rose McLellan, License & Applications Supervisor, FLIS, DPH

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