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AMENDED REVIEWABILITY DETERMINATION REQUEST

(Amended only to remove reference to filing fee, and to include required attestation by Requestor.)

SENT THIS DATE VIA EMAIL TO:

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Alva M. Lambert, Executive Director
Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency
RSA Union Building
100 North Union Street, Suite 870
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Re: Washington County Health Care Authority, Inc.
Construction Project
Our File No. 9815.0004

Dear Alva:

This law firm represents Washington County Health Care Authority, Inc., which owns and operates the Washington County Hospital (the "Hospital"), located in Chatom, Alabama. Chatom is, in turn, located in Washington County, Alabama, which is a county designated as rural by the U.S. Census Bureau/CMS (formerly the Health Care Financing Administration). Hospital has been in operation for nearly 60 years in Chatom, Alabama. The purpose of this letter is to request confirmation in writing that Hospital is not subject to CON review prior to entering into contracts for a building project that will result in Hospital having a new Emergency Department with four (4) examination rooms and one (1) trauma room as well as a new waiting area and a covered ambulance bay that will accommodate two (2) ambulances. This letter is filed pursuant to Section 22-21-263, *Code of Alabama*, 1975 and Rule No. 410-1-7-.02, as well as any other pertinent laws or regulations. The project will create an entirely new Emergency Department for Hospital. The project will not result in the provision of any new health services or increase the number of inpatient beds at Hospital.

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The following information is provided as a part of this request:

- 1) Name of applicant: Washington County Health Care Authority, Inc. DBA Washington County Hospital; 14600 St. Stephens Avenue; Chatom, Alabama 36518.
- 2) Address and contact information: Teresa Grimes, CEO; Washington County Hospital; P.O. Box 1299; Chatom, Alabama 36518. Phone number: 251-847-2223. Email: tgrimes@wchnh.org.
- 3) Service area: Washington County, Alabama.
- 4) Services to be provided: Hospital Emergency Services.
- 5) Financial breakdown:
 - a. Equipment and Furniture: \$190,000
 - b. First year new annual operating costs: \$ 400,000
 - c. Capital Costs:
 1. Leases: 0.00
 2. Land/building costs: 0.00
 3. Construction costs: \$ 2,890,450
- 6) No other health care facility has a financial interest in the proposed project.

As of September 19, 2016 the CON thresholds are \$2,923,059 for major medical equipment, \$1,169,223 for new annual operating costs, and \$5,846,117 for any other capital expenditures. All of the projected expenditure amounts for this project are well within the three thresholds.

Once your approval is received, the plan is to apply to the Alabama Department of Public Health (Public Health) for approval of the construction plans and then to enter into a construction contract and equipment purchase contracts in Washington County, Alabama. Public Health will require confirmation in writing of the Hospital's exemption from CON review, in order to proceed with the approval of the construction plans.

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AFFIRMATION OF REQUESTING PARTY

The undersigned, **TERESA GRIMES**, being first duly sworn, hereby makes oath or affirms that she is **Administrator/CEO** of **Washington County Hospital & Nursing Home**, has knowledge of the facts in this request; and, to the best of her information, knowledge and belief, such facts are true and correct.

AFFIANT

Teresa Grimes

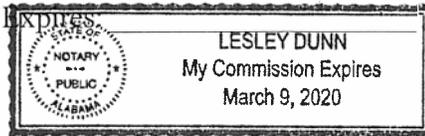
TERESA GRIMES

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 21 day of August, 2017.

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Lesley Dunn

Notary Public
My Commission Expires



Thank you for your timely response to this request. Please contact me at your convenience should you have any questions, or need additional information regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

GILPIN GIVHAN, PC

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cc: Teresa Grimes, CEO of Washington County Hospital