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Dear Deputy Commissioner Gyle:

Re: Docket Number 97-538
Middlesex Hospital Replacement of Special Procedure Imaging Equipment

OCHA granted a certificate of need to replace the Special Procedure Imaging equipment approved CON docket number 97-538 on August 29, 1997. The Siemens Multistar system has served the hospital over the past thirteen years, but has well exceeded its useful life. Since this is a single unique system with no redundancy, Middlesex Hospital decided to replace it in FY 2011 with budgeted capital funds.

The replacement system has been installed at the hospital and with first patient use occurring on November 8, 2010. The new system, a Siemens Artis zee, cost \$1,189,000. In addition, the room was enlarged slightly and renovated to accommodate the replacement equipment at a cost of \$475,000.

Pursuant to SB 494 Section 87 (b), effective as a Public Act on October 1, 2010, provides that no CON is required for (18) replacement of existing imaging equipment if such equipment was acquired through Certificate of Need approval. Please let this letter serve as notification of the replacement. The Siemen's Multistar was traded in to the manufacturer as part of the purchase agreement and was removed from service on August 16, 2010.

Yours truly,

Harry Evert
Vice President, Operations

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