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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

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Cindy Cross, Senior Director of Legal Services
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Dear Ms. Cross:

Thank you for your June 3, 2014, letter and supplemental information requesting a six-month extension to the validity of Renovation Authorization (RA) #076 as allowed under Washington Administrative Code 246-310-580.

Your extension request explains that the project's scope has now been divided into two phases. Phase one is the only phase that will be completed under RA #076. Phase one includes replacement of the emergency generator, reconfiguration of the electrical and mechanical rooms, adding three restrooms, and redesign of the sewer system to allow for future expansion. The costs associated with phase one are expected to be less than \$2,000,000, rather than the \$8,000,000 identified for RA #076.

The project as described in the extension request is not the same project reviewed by the department and relied on for the issuance of RA #076. As a result, the extension request does not demonstrate substantial and continuing progress toward commencement of the project authorized under RA #076. The department concludes RA #076 has been abandoned for the new project that was described in your June 3 letter. Therefore, no further progress reports for RA #076 are required. Further, based on your description of the new project, a Renovation Authorization is not required.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange for a meeting to discuss this decision, please call me at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,

Janis Sigman, Manger
Certificate of Need Program
Community Health Systems

cc: Department of Health, Construction Review Services
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