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Re: Request for Status Update
Dimensions Health Corporation d/b/a Prince George's Hospital Center
Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, Inc.
Docket No. 13-16-2351

Dear Mr. Dame:

I am writing to request that Dimensions Health Corporation (Dimensions) d/b/a Prince George's Hospital Center (PGHC) provide an update on two matters that are important in my review of the pending application to relocate and replace PGHC at a site in Largo, Maryland.

First, I need to know the current status of the partial rate application that PGHC filed on December 4, 2015 with the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC). By letter dated December 11, 2015 (copy attached), HSCRC advised PGHC that its application could not be docketed because it utilized "data purported to be HSCRC approved rates and revenue for RY 2016 ... when no rate order has been issued to PGHC for RY 2016." On January 22, 2016, the HSCRC entered an Order Nisi (copy attached) that set permanent rates for PGHC as of July 1, 2015, unless a motion raising objections was filed with the HSCRC on or before February 8, 2016. Given this development, has PGHC submitted a replacement or modified application that contains the HSCRC-approved RY 2016 rates? If not, please advise when an application with the required information will be filed with HSCRC.

Second, recent media reports have indicated that a memorandum of understanding (MOU) may be entered between the State of Maryland and the University of Maryland Medical System (and/or Dimensions) regarding PGHC and/or the proposed replacement hospital project. Please advise whether discussions regarding an MOU are still ongoing. If an MOU or other

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agreement has been executed, please provide a copy to the Maryland Health Care Commission (Commission) and to the interested parties in this review.

Depending on the information provided in response to this letter, I may request that the interested parties comment on that information. I want to remind all parties that the ex parte prohibitions in the Administrative Procedure Act, Maryland Code Ann., State Gov't §10-219, apply to this proceeding until the Commission issues a final decision.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner/Reviewer

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