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## Office of the Attorney General State of Connecticut

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## VIA U.S. and ELECTRONIC MAIL

Darlene Stromstad, FACHE, President and CEO Greater Waterbury Health Network, Inc. 64 Robins Street
Waterbury, Connecticut 06708

Chad Wable, President and CEO Saint Mary's Health System, Inc. 56 Franklin Street Waterbury, Connecticut 06706

Jeffrey Peterson, Senior Counsel Tenet Healthcare Corporation 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1400 Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: Revised Scheduling Agreement for OHCA Docket Nos. 13-31838-486 and 14-31927-486 And Attorney General Docket Nos. 13-486-01 and 14-486-02

Dear Ms. Stromstad, Mr. Wable, and Mr. Peterson:

This letter revises the scheduling agreement signed by the Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG"), the Department of Public Health, Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA"), Greater Waterbury Health Network, Inc. ("GWHN"), Vanguard Health Systems, Inc. ("Vanguard"), Saint Mary's Health System, Inc. ("SMHS"), and Tenet Healthcare Corporation ("Tenet") on August 19, 2014, regarding the scheduling of the hospital conversion dockets referenced above – specifically, the proposed joint venture between GWHN and Vanguard and the proposed asset purchase of SMHS by Tenet.

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-486b and after discussion, the parties have agree to the following schedules for completion of the GWHN and SMHS hospital conversion reviews.

1. In the GWHN conversion docket, the parties agree to extend the 120 day review period set forth in § 19a-486b until December 17, 2014. A Proposed Final Decision will be released by each office on December 1, 2014. Comments on the Proposed Final Decision from the parties, the intervenors, and the public will be due by COB

on December 8, 2014.

- 2. In the SMHS conversion docket, the OAG and OHCA will complete their review within the 120 day review period set forth in § 19a-486b, which expires on January 29, 2015. A Proposed Final Decision will be released by each office on January 12, 2015. Comments on the Proposed Final Decision from the parties, the intervenors, and the public will be due by COB on January 19, 2015.
- 3. If it becomes apparent that we cannot complete the GWHN or SMHS review by the dates established above, GWHN and/or SMHS and our offices will convene at the earliest opportunity to agree upon a revised final decision completion date.
- 4. Tenet agrees not to seek to renegotiate the proposed joint venture with GWHN before December 17, 2014, and understands that any effort to renegotiate the joint venture, which results in a material alteration of its terms, after an approval by our offices would be cause for us to reopen or rescind the approval decision. The OAG and OHCA shall have sole discretion to determine the materiality of any alteration to the terms of the joint venture.

If you agree to these scheduling terms, please sign the attached page and return the original to our offices at:

Office of the Attorney General 55 Elm Street, P.O. Box 120 Hartford, Connecticut 06141-0120 Attn: Gary W. Hawes, AAG

Very truly yours,

Perry Zinn Rowthorn
Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

cc: Gary W. Hawes (via electronic mail) Steven Lazarus (via electronic mail)

Ann Zucker (via electronic mail) Robert Anthony (via electronic mail) Collin P. Baron (via electronic mail) Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Connecticut 06134 Attn: Kevin Hansted, Staff Attorney

Very truly yours,

Janet M. Brancifort, MPH Deputy Commissioner

Office of Health Care Access

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## Signature Page

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