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November 1, 2007

Elizabeth Bozzuto, R.N, M.B.A. Executive Director Naugatuck Valley Surgical Center 160 Robbins Street Waterbury, CT 06708

Re: Naugatuck Valley Surgical Center Addition of Two Operating Rooms

OHCA Docket No. 07-30969

Dear Ms. Bozzuto:

I am writing in regards to the above-referenced Certificate of Need Application filed on behalf of the Naugatuck Valley Surgical Center ("NVSC"). Since NVSC filed the original Letter of Intent to add two operating rooms to its present facility on May 23, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") has considered further whether a CON is needed for the project under Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S") §19a-638. After careful deliberation, and in light of the cost of the project falling below the capital expenditure threshold under C.G.S. § 19a-639, OHCA has determined no CON is required. Accordingly, this letter shall serve as a formal CON Determination of the same pursuant to C.G.S. §19a-653(a)(2).

We appreciate the efforts of NVSC's representatives to communicate with OHCA staff on this project in order to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. We also regret the delay and expense that any prior misunderstandings concerning the scope of CON jurisdiction in this matter may have caused your organization. At this time, OHCA shall consider the CON Application filed by NVSC for the project withdrawn by mutual agreement of the Applicant and this agency.

Please do not hesitate to contact Melanie Dillon at (860) 418-7060 should you have any further questions in this matter.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commisioner Vogel on November 1, 2007 Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

Robert P. Ritz, St. Mary's Hospital Corporation