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Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
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Re: Project Number 12-081

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to inquire as to the process for public comment at the upcoming HFSRB meeting June 26, 2013, as it pertains to the Lindenhurst project, referenced above. The guidelines on public comment state that individuals who have availed themselves of the opportunity to provide comment at (1) a prior public hearing or (2) through the written public comment process will not be allowed to provide public comment at Board meetings. We understand this is a guideline, and that the Board has the ability to be flexible in handling the public comment process.

At the March Board meeting, individuals spoke on this project, both for and against it, that had spoken previously, or provided written comment. In the interest of time, it is our preference that this not be the case at the June meeting, and that anyone who spoke at the public hearing, provided written comment and/or public comment at the last Board meeting not be allowed to speak again. However, it would be helpful to know by June 14, 2013 how the public comment on this project will be handled, as there are people who would like to speak in support of the project that have spoken or written in on it previously. We do not want to tell them they cannot speak, if in fact individuals who provided comment previously (whether written or in person) are allowed to speak, as they were at the last meeting.

If we do not hear from you by June 14, 2013, we will assume that the decision is that people who spoke previously can speak again, and will send in sign in forms for public comment for all of those interested in providing testimony. Again, this is not our preference but it is the only way we know to avoid the problem of telling people who support the project and who participated in public comment previously that they will not be allowed to speak at the June board meeting, while not knowing whether people who oppose and who have spoken previously may be allowed to do so.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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