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Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Project 16-031 Request for Expedited Review

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of Rush University Medical Center, please accept this request to expedite review of project 16-031 so that it might be heard concurrently with project 16-032. The two projects are inextricably linked, but had to be filed as separate projects, per Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act rules. Project 16-031 proposes the establishment of an ASTC in Oak Brook, IL. Project 16-032 proposes the establishment of a professional building that will house medical offices, minimal hospital ancillary services and the proposed ASTC. The two CON applications were filed concurrently. The ASTC application has been scheduled to be heard in January (a 120 day review period) while the building application is scheduled to be heard in October (a 60 day review period). 77 IAC 1130.610 states the review period for non-substantive projects shall not exceed 60 days, and for substantive projects, *shall not exceed* 120 days. The rules do not prevent the ASTC application from being moved up to October to be heard with the building application, to which it is contingent upon. The reasons we are requesting that the review of project 16-031 be expedited to be heard at the October meeting are as follows.

Because they are co-dependent projects, the requisite development work for the professional building will not occur unless the ASTC application is approved, which would significantly delay the Oak Brook project, as a whole. In addition, Rush University Medical Center anticipates a re-organization that will result in a change of ownership under your rules. It is anticipated that the re-organization will occur in early 2017, and again per your rules, all outstanding permits will have to be obligated prior to the re-organization occurring. If the ASTC permit is not reviewed until January or later, this would be extremely difficult.

Thus, as the rules do give the option of allowing for a 60 day review period on substantive projects, and since project 16-031 (ASTC – substantive) is inextricably linked to project 16-032 (non-substantive) it would be of great benefit to have both projects heard together per the 60 day review period.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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