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Subject: St. Elizabeth's Response to Memorial Establishing a Cardiac Catheterization Lab in Shiloh
Attachments: Response to Memorial Establishing Cardiac Cath in Shiloh.pdf

Mr. Constantino,

The attached letter is in response to the letter dated June 7, 2011, from Mark Turner, President and CEO Memorial Hospital. It is a response to Memorial Hospital's CON for a new hospital and is specific to the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory proposed at Memorial Hospital-East.

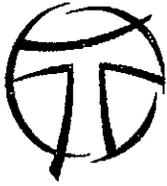
Best Regards,

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June 14, 2011

Mr. Jacob M. Axel
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Re: Impact of Establishment of Cardiac Catheterization At Memorial Hospital –
East on St. Elizabeth's Hospital

Dear Mr. Axel:

I am writing this letter in response to your letter of June 3, 2011, asking us to quantify the impact of establishing a Cardiac Catheterization Service at the proposed Memorial Hospital – East in Shiloh.

The establishment of a Cardiac Catheterization Service at that location would have a serious negative (harmful) impact on our hospital's Cardiac Catheterization Service, as discussed below.

1. Please note that the Cardiologists who you propose as staff for the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories at the proposed Memorial Hospital – East, as identified in your June 6, 2011, letter to Mr. Michael Constantino of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, are all Cardiologists who are also on St. Elizabeth's Hospital's medical staff with full privileges.

Your proposal to have these Cardiologists travel to an additional hospital will potentially have a negative impact on St. Elizabeth's Hospital's ability to provide Cardiac Catheterization Services in our hospital because it will dilute the availability of Cardiologists to cover both the Cardiac Cath Labs and the Emergency Department at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

2. The establishment of a Cardiac Catheterization Service at the proposed Memorial Hospital – East would result in a decrease of Cardiac Catheterization visits at St. Elizabeth's Hospital because the location of the proposed hospital is within our market area as well as within our planning area, and a significant number of our Cardiac Cath patients reside near the proposed hospital.

The issue of proximity to the proposed hospital is particularly relevant to Cardiac Catheterization since many patients who undergo Cardiac Catheterization have this procedure performed at the nearest Emergency Department, either because they have been taken there by their local paramedics or because they have chest pain and present themselves at the nearest Emergency Department for diagnosis and treatment.

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Based on the zip codes of residence of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's Cardiac Catheterization patients during the past 2 ½ years, we estimate a loss of approximately 200 Cardiac Catheterization cases per year (between 10% and 20% of our caseload) if Memorial Hospital – East were to be established with a Cardiac Catheterization Service.

<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>7/1/08-6/30/09</u>	<u>7/1/09-6/30/10</u>	<u>7/1/10-5/31/11</u>
62294	Troy	3	12	8
62269	Shiloh/O'Fallon	113	125	89
62258	Mascoutah	46	64	32
62254	Lebanon	31	16	39
62225	Scott Air Force Base	2	7	4
TOTAL		195	224	172 Annualized: Est. 186

- The CON application proposes insufficient Cardiac Catheterization volume to justify the establishment of a Cardiac Catheterization Service. The CON application states, "186 and 258 cardiac catheterizations are anticipated to be performed at Memorial-East during its first two years of operation." (Attachment 15, handwritten Page 84)

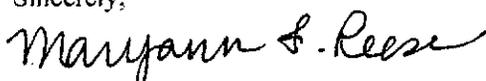
Based upon the projected caseload identified on Page 84 of the CON application and the patient origin of St. Elizabeth's Hospital's Cardiac Catheterization patients, it appears that nearly all the projected Cardiac Catheterization cases will be patients currently undergoing this procedure at St. Elizabeth's Hospital

- Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories at both St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Memorial Hospital are currently underutilized, and the establishment of an additional Cardiac Catheterization Service in the planning area and within the same market area will duplicate existing facilities.

Recent Cardiac Catheterization utilization for both hospitals, reported from the Illinois Department of Public Health's Annual Hospital Questionnaires and Hospital Profiles, documents that no additional Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories are needed to serve current caseloads for this category of service.

- The establishment of additional Cardiac Cath Laboratories within the same market area in which Memorial Hospital (Belleville) and St. Elizabeth's Hospital are located will increase the operational costs for this service throughout the area because of the resulting duplication of supplies, equipment, and hospital staffs.
- The co-applicants' argument that the establishment of a new hospital in St. Clair County will reverse outmigration of patients to Missouri does not have relevance to the establishment of an additional Cardiac Catheterization Service since so many of the patients undergoing Cardiac Catheterization require this procedure on an immediate basis because they are suspected of being in the midst of acute myocardial infarctions (heart attacks), in which case they require diagnostic procedures at the nearest hospital that has a Cardiac Catheterization Service.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO

cc: Michael Constantino, Project Review Supervisor, HFSRB