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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Dear Ms. Avery:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board of a proposed action by Trinity Rock Island.

On March 26, 2013, the Health Facilities and Services Review Board approved the Hospital's application, Permit 12-101 to construct an addition to the Hospital that will include a new Heart Center and expanded emergency services.

In the application for this permit, the applicants justified the need for four new cardiac catheterization labs. The plan described in the application was to purchase all four labs as well as other approved imaging equipment under one contract to benefit from the most advantageous pricing. (Three of the cardiac cath labs would be replaced regardless of the Heart Center project because they have, or will reach the end of their useful lives, by the time the Heart Center opens. These three units will be purchased as routine replacement equipment.) The Hospital's intent, as described in the application on page 177, was to take delivery on one of the cath labs in 2013, install it in the current facility and relocate it to the new Heart Center when the construction was complete. The other three units would be delivered and installed directly into the new Heart Center.

Since the application was approved, the demand on the cardiac catheterization labs has increased more than anticipated and the Hospital would like to delay the delivery of the first new cath lab until the construction is complete in 2015. This cath lab would still be purchased in 2013 as originally planned, but Trinity would delay its delivery until it can be installed directly into the new Heart Center in 2015. In this way, the Hospital would keep its current labs in operation as they are

today and not experience the expected 8-week down time it would take to install the new equipment, thereby better accommodating the community's need for cath services. Trinity fears that if it takes a cath lab out of service for 8 weeks in its current demand environment, leaving only 2 operational labs, it could be jeopardizing good patient outcomes. Trinity does not want to compromise its ability to meet emergent patient needs.

The Hospital does not anticipate that this action will affect the total project cost. The cost of installing and relocating the first lab (\$50,000) is equivalent to the reduced trade in value of the replaced equipment.

Unless we hear otherwise from you by September 20th, we will move forward with our plan to schedule delivery of all 4 cath labs in 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Willsher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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