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Phyllis Powell, Manager  
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41 Anthony Avenue  
State House Station #11  
Augusta, ME 04333-0011

Dear Ms. Powell,

Acadia Hospital would like to notify your office of a proposed development of an improved Psychiatric Observation Unit and the relocation of our existing Electric Convulsive Therapy (ECT) program. In compliance with this letter, we are notifying the CON Unit of this project and providing pertinent information as listed below.

This project will allow for much improved service to relieve local hospital emergency departments of psychiatric patient care. The renovated Psychiatric Observation Unit (POU) will replace our current observation program, currently offered in inpatient units in a decentralized program. The renovated POU will provide a 23 hour outpatient based observation of psychiatric patients. All patients received in the POU from local emergency departments will be medically cleared. There will be no change to Acadia's bed complement as part of this project.

To complete the Observation Unit, Acadia's ECT program will be relocated to a modular unit located on the South end of our campus. The total project has an estimated capital cost of \$1,395,143 and does not involve any new services. We have received contractor bids as of July 8, 2009, and would hope to commence construction and renovation by no later than the first week in August.

Please provide a letter in writing that this project is not subject to further CON review. If you have any questions about this project, don't hesitate to call me at 207-973-6181 or contact me by email [mbradstreet@emh.org](mailto:mbradstreet@emh.org). Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Bradstreet  
Director of Facilities

CC: Jean Mellett, EMHS Director of Planning  
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