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Ms. Phyllis Powell
Certificate of Need Unit
Division of Licensing & Regulatory Services
41 Anthony Avenue, State House Station 11
Augusta, ME 04333-0011

Dear Ms. Powell:

This letter serves as informal notification of MaineGeneral's intent to purchase a Da Vinci robot for minimally invasive surgery. This is a replacement of the AESOP robot currently in use at the Thayer unit in Waterville. The AESOP will be removed from service once the Da Vinci is operational.

The cost of the robot is \$1,300,000, which is well below the CON review threshold. MaineGeneral is not requesting a subject to review letter as the equipment will be funded from operations.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 207-626-1301 or by email at gail.evans@mainegeneral.org

Sincerely,

Gail M. Evans, Sr. VP, Marketing & Strategy

Cc: Chuck Hays, CEO, MaineGeneral Medical Center