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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Janis Sigman, Program Manager  
Certificate of Need Program  
Washington State Department of Health  
P.O. Box 47852  
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**RE: Letter of Intent—PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center Operation of United General Hospital**

Dear Ms. Sigman:

PeaceHealth respectfully submits this Letter of Intent in connection with an application for certificate of need approval for PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center to enter into an operating agreement with a separate facility lease to operate United General Hospital ( the "Hospital") owned by Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 304 (the "District"). It is our understanding this would be an expedited review.

Pursuant to the requirements of WAC 246-310-080, the following information is provided:

1. Description of proposed service

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center proposes to enter into an operating agreement with a separate facility lease with the District pursuant to which PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center will provide healthcare operations in the District for a thirty year term and lease certain District facilities and equipment.

2. Estimated cost of the project

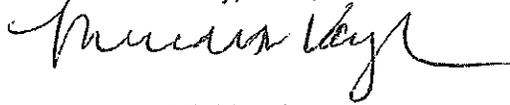
PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center's costs of the project are estimated to include \$1.1 million.

3. Identification of the service area

For purposes of certificate of need review, the service or planning area is defined as the Eastern Skagit Planning Area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (425) 649-3885.

Yours truly,



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