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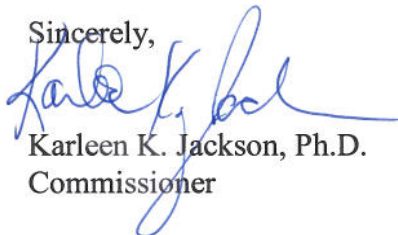
Dear Mr. Franz:

I have reviewed South Peninsula Hospital's Certificate of Need (CON) application for remodeling and expansion of your acute and long-term care facility and declare the application to be complete. In accordance with AS 18.07.045(2) a staff analysis of the application and staff recommendation must be submitted to me for decision by 4:30 PM, Monday, October 1, 2007 unless staff request, and I grant, an additional period for review not to exceed 30 days. I have 45 days to make a decision after receipt of the staff recommendation unless I give written notice that additional information or analysis is required to reach a decision.

A public comment period is open for the next 30 days and written comments must be received by the department no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 3, 2007. Oral or written comments may also be submitted at a public meeting to be held on Thursday, August 16, 2007, 5:00-6:30 PM, in Conference Room 3, South Peninsula Hospital, 4300 Bartlett Street, Homer, Alaska. The hearing will be held from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM and might be extended to accommodate those present before 6:30 PM who did not have an opportunity to comment.

If you have any questions, contact David Pierce, Certificate of Need Coordinator at (907) 465-3001.

Sincerely,



Karleen K. Jackson, Ph.D.
Commissioner

cc: Anthony Lombardo, Deputy Commissioner
Pat Carr, Unit Manager, Planning and Infrastructure
David Pierce, Certificate of Need Coordinator