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## VIA U.S. and ELECTRONIC MAIL

Darlene Stromstad, FACHE President/Chief Executive Officer Greater Waterbury Health Network, Inc. 64 Robbins Street Waterbury, Connecticut 06708

Travis Messina Director, Development Vanguard Health Systems, Inc. 20 Burton Hills Boulevard, Suite 100 Nashville, Tennessee 37215

Re: Proposal for Joint Venture between Greater Waterbury Health Network, Inc. and Vanguard Health Systems, Inc. – OHCA Docket No. 13-31838-CON and Attorney General Docket No. 13-486-01

Dear Ms. Stromstad and Mr. Messina:

Thank you for your letter dated September 24, 2013, pursuant to which you have requested an extension of the 120 day review period, set forth in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-486b (the "Review Period"), in connection with the proposed joint venture between Greater Waterbury Health Network, Inc. ("GWHN") and Vanguard Health Systems, Inc. ("Vanguard"). Pursuant to that section, the "one-hundred-twenty-day period may be extended by agreement of the Attorney General, the commissioner [of the department of public health], the nonprofit hospital and the purchaser."

You have requested a tolling of the Review Period to allow you to submit supplemental information to the Application (the "Supplement"). You have proposed that the Review Period conclude ninety (90) days after you file the Supplement with the Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG") and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA"). In the event that you have not submitted the Supplement within forty-five (45) days from the date hereof, you request the opportunity to consult with the OAG and OHCA to determine if further revisions to the scheduling order are appropriate.

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Pursuant to § 19a-486b, our Offices agree to extend the Review Period as you have requested and as set forth above. In addition, to the extent the OAG and OHCA determine that GWHN and Vanguard have not provided sufficient information in the Supplement to allow the OAG and OHCA to properly evaluate the application, the parties to this extension agreement will confer to determine if a further extension of the schedule to decide the application or other action is appropriate.

Very truly yours,

Perry Zinn Rowthorn

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Office of the Attorney General

Very truly yours

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