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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Re: 15-026 (Vista East Medical Center Modernization)

Dear Ms. Avery:

As you know, I represent Vista Health System (Vista). This is its first request for a permit renewal for this project. Due to financial constraints within Vista Health System ("Vista"), the project has been put on hold as referenced in the most recent annual report. Vista is still very much committed to modernizing Vista Medical Center East to make it more accommodating and state of the art for its patients, with all private rooms in the medical/surgical category. As you know Vista East serves a relatively high number of Medicaid patients, and the delay in payments from the State associated with the budget issues, along with the general trend toward outpatient care, have contributed to Vista's inability to procure capital for the project and carry it forward at this time. Vista hopes to have a concrete plan of action in place regarding capital commitment for the project by mid-2018. As a result it is respectfully requesting a permit renewal through 12/31/2019.

Currently no activity or expenditures have been made since the annual report was filed. Also, the project remains consistent with its scope as approved by the Board.

Enclosed is the applicable \$500.00 filing fee, and we appreciate the Board's consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Clare E. Connor

cc: Norman Stephens, CEO  
Vista East Medical Center