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Ms. Debra Savage
Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd floor
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Mr. John Kniery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Mr. Michael Constantino
Chief, Project Review
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Re: Withdrawal of Permit Application #24-011
OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Replacement Hospital

Dear Ms. Savage, Mr. Kniery, and Mr. Constantino,

OSF Healthcare System (“OSF”) and OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center-Ottawa (“SEMC-Ottawa”) hereby withdraw permit application #24-011 for the replacement of SEMC-Ottawa. The permit application for this project was filed on March 28, 2024, and has been deferred three times at our request. The current deferral is through March 31, 2026.

The withdrawal is necessary because the information in the permit application, including construction costs, is now outdated. The process of planning any new healthcare services in eastern LaSalle County will require significant time, and in no way can be completed in time to re-appear before the State prior to the end of the deferral period. As Bob Sehring, CEO of OSF Healthcare System, stated at the November 18 HFSRB meeting, OSF needs to reconsider the scope of services, size, cost and location of any potential facility. Several HFSRB members on November 18 called for OSF to go back and take a fresh and new look at the project. In addition, there have been many new industry changes in a very short period including the OBBBA which may affect future



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planning as well. It is anticipated that the planning process may take 18 months or more, well beyond the timeframe of the deferral.

When we resume the planning process, OSF will have active discussion with and obtain input from communities in eastern LaSalle County as well as other communities in the planning area. We will also gather data on patient utilization following the consolidation of ICU and inpatient Obstetrics services at SEMC-Peru, the discontinuation of those services at SEMC-Ottawa, and the opening of the full 45 med/surg beds at SEMC-Peru.

We are grateful to the State staff for their guidance through this complex process. OSF will continue communicating with State staff when appropriate and when preparing permit applications consistent with regulatory requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Mark Hohulin or Ralph Weber.

Sincerely,

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