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# VIA FED EX

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Secretary's Bureau Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street, 2nd Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120

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PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION SECRETARY'S BUREAU

Re:

Petition for Acknowledgement and Approval of Change of Control for Certificate of Public Convenience for Motor Common Carrier of Persons in Paratransit Service Held by Memorial Hospital, Inc. of Towanda, Pennsylvania – PUC Authority No. A-00117028

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Following my telephone conversation with Robert Bingaman yesterday regarding our notice sent to the Public Utility Commission via letter dated February 9, 2015 concerning Memorial Hospital, Inc. of Towanda, Pennsylvania's ("Memorial") change of control in connection with its affiliation The Guthrie Clinic (the "Affiliation") effective April 1, 2015, Mr. Bingaman requested that Memorial submit a petition seeking PUC's acknowledgement and approval of the change of control. Accordingly, please find enclosed a petition to such effect together with the initial letter we filed with the PUC.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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#### Enclosures

ce: Joseph A. Scopelliti, M.D., President and CEO, The Guthrie Clinic Gary A. Baker, President and CEO, Memorial Hospital of Towanda, Inc. Michael D. Ecker, Esquire, Eckert, Seamans, Cherin & Mellott, LLC

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IN RE: MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC. OF TOWANDA, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation ("Petitioner")

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# PETITION FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF CONTROL

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TO THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

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The Petitioner respectfully represents the following:

- 1. Petitioner is a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation that has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") to be a charitable organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code").
- 2. Petitioner is a licensed 41-bed acute care hospital and a licensed 68-bed hospital-based skilled nursing facility located at 91 Hospital Drive, Towanda, PA 18848.
- 3. Petitioner holds a Certificate of Public Convenience, PUC Authority

  No. A-00117028, to operate as a Motor Common Carrier of Persons in Paratransit Service (the "Certificate").
- 4. The Guthrie Clinic ("Guthrie") is a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation and taxexempt organization that has been determined by the IRS to be a charitable organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
- 5. Guthrie serves as the parent organization of an integrated health care system located in North Central Pennsylvania and the Southern Tier of New York.
- 6. Petitioner and Guthric entered into a certain Affiliation Agreement dated April 16, 2014.
- 7. The affiliation by and between Petitioner and Guthrie will occur as of 12:01 A.M. on April 1, 2015 (the "Effective Date").

8. Petitioner filed a letter with Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission notifying the Commission of the Affiliation transaction on February 9, 2015, and was advised on March 19, 2015 to file this Petition. A copy of the February 9, 2015 letter is attached to this Petition for reference.

9. Upon the Effective Date:

(a) Memorial will undergo a change in control transaction whereby Guthrie

will become the sole corporate member of Memorial.

(b) Memorial will continue to be a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, to be a

licensed acute care hospital and long term care facility, and to hold the Certificate; it will offer

the same services it currently provides in connection with the Certificate.

(c) Memorial will amend its name to be "Guthrie Towanda Memorial

Hospital."

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Pennsylvania Public Utility

Commission acknowledge and approve the change of control of Memorial Hospital, Inc. of

Towanda, Pennsylvania and acknowledge its change in name to Guthrie Towanda Memorial

Hospital.

Dated: March 20, 2015

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February 9, 2015

## VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary's Bureau
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
2nd Floor, Room-N201
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re:

Affiliation of The Guthrie Clinic and Memorial Hospital, Inc. of Towanda, PA Certificate of Public Convenience held by The Memorial Hospital, Inc. of Towanda – Application A-00117028

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

This letter serves as written notice of the affiliation by and between Memorial Hospital of Towanda, Inc. of Towanda, Pennsylvania ("Memorial") and The Guthrie Clinic ("Guthrie"), which will occur as of 12:01 A.M. on April 1, 2015 (the "Effective Date"). As of the Effective Date, Memorial will undergo a change in control transaction whereby Guthrie will become the sole corporate member of Memorial.

Memorial, the entity holding the above referenced Certificate of Public Convenience, is a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation that owns and operates an acute care licensed hospital located at 91 Hospital Drive, Towanda, PA 18848. Upon the Effective Date, Memorial will begin operating the services in connection with the above referenced Certificate of Public Convenience as the "Guthrie Towanda Memorial Hospital."

Guthrie is a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation that serves as the parent of an integrated health care system located in North Central Pennsylvania and the Southern Tier of New York.

Upon the Effective Date, Memorial will remain a nonprofit corporation and will continue to own and operate its acute care licensed hospital. Memorial will continue to offer the same services it currently provides in connection with the above referenced Certificate of Public Convenience.

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The parties anticipate that the affiliation will enable them to continue their charitable missions and appropriately adapt to meet the current and future healthcare needs of the communities they serve.

If you have any questions or require the completion of any additional forms in order to effectuate the foregoing, please feel free to contact me. We appreciate your courtesy and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Joseph A. Scopelliti, M.D., President and CEO, The Guthrie Clinic Gary A. Baker, President and CEO, Memorial Hospital of Towarda, Inc. Michael D. Ecker, Esquire, Eckert, Seamans, Cherin & Mellott, LLC

IN RE: MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC. : OF TOWANDA, PENNSYLVANIA, a : Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation : ("Petitioner") :

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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

<u>ORDER</u>	
AND NOW, this day of	, 2015, upon consideration of the Petition for
Acknowledgement and Approval of Change of Control, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the	
change of control and change of name of Petitioner is hereby acknowledged and approved.	
	BY THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:
_	Secretary



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