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Re: *In the Matter of Carilion Clinic*  
D. 9338

Dear Mr. Lutes:

This letter responds to the January 19, 2010, Application for Approval of Divestiture of the Center for Surgical Excellence (“Application”) requesting that the Commission approve Carilion Clinic’s (“Carilion”) divestiture of the Center for Surgical Excellence (“CSE”) to Fairlawn Surgery Center, LLC (“Fairlawn”) pursuant to the order in this matter. The Application was placed on the public record for comments for thirty days, until February 18, 2010, and two comments were received.

After consideration of the proposed transaction as set forth in the Application and supplemental documents, as well as other available information, the Commission has determined to approve the divestiture of CSE to Fairlawn. In according its approval, the Commission has relied upon the information submitted and representations made in connection with Carilion’s Application, and has assumed them to be accurate and complete.

By direction of the Commission.

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