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HOSPITALS, INC.

June 6, 2006

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety
61 Forsyth St SW,
Suite 23T85
Atlanta, GA 30303
Attn: Richard Gibson

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Re: St. Joseph's Hospital
Parkersburg, West Virginia
License No. 47-11709-01

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Dear Mr. Gibson:

Please be advised of the proposed acquisition of all of the general partnership interest in Columbia St. Joseph's Healthcare System, Limited Partnership, the owner and operator of St. Joseph's Hospital (the "Hospital"), by LifePoint WV Holdings, Inc., an affiliate of LifePoint Hospitals, Inc., a publicly traded corporation.

This transaction is expected to take place on or about July 1, 2006. Following this transfer of stock, Columbia St. Joseph's Healthcare System, Limited Partnership will continue to own and operate the Hospital. The name of the Hospital will not change and the tax identification number, 55-0751857, will not change. Therefore, this transaction should not constitute a change in ownership of the Hospital.

I will again notify your office when the transaction is completed. I can be reached at (615) 565-1538 or faye.edwards@lpnt.net if you have any questions or need any further information in this matter.

Yours truly,



Faye S. Edwards
Director, Regulatory Affairs

Cc: Robert N. Klein
Paul R. Hannah
Neil W. Kunkel, Jr.

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This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter/application dated

6/16/2006, and to inform you that the initial processing which includes an administrative review has been performed.

There were no administrative omissions. Your application was assigned to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review may identify additional omissions or require additional information.

Please provide to this office within 30 days of your receipt of this card

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