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Ms. Fussell,

Service Employees International Locals 49 and 503 (hereinafter "SEIU") hereby request affected party status for the NEWCO Oregon Inc./Universal Health Services Certificate of Need application #675 to build a freestanding psychiatric hospital in Wilsonville, OR. We make this request as a party representing a public interest in the results of the proceeding.

SEIU Locals 49 and 503 are affiliated with Service Employees International Union, the largest union of healthcare workers in North America. In Oregon, SEIU Locals represent over 65,000 workers, including 36,000 in healthcare professions. SEIU is a leading advocacy organization for working people. We believe in, and will fight for a just society, where all workers are valued and people respected, where all families and communities thrive, and where we leave a better and more equal world for generations to come. We do this, in part, by sharing facts and evidence in public forums to help stakeholders carefully evaluate proposals, such as the one put forth by NEWCO Oregon/Universal Health Services.

SEIU represents the interests of healthcare workers and their families as well as the patients our members serve in Oregon. Not only do our members live and work throughout the state, including at existing mental health facilities, but they also act as direct healthcare providers and consumers of healthcare services. SEIU members represent one of the largest class of healthcare consumers in the state and therefore are impacted as both purchasers, patients, and providers. To the best of our knowledge, no other entity participating in this review represents the combined interests of workers and their families, the patients that they serve, and purchasers of care.

SEIU is uniquely positioned to represent the interests of healthcare workers and their families because of our experience and longstanding dedication to advocating on behalf of workers and their families in the workplace, as well as in local, state, and federal government. Additionally, we have extensive experience in analyzing hospital operations, healthcare delivery and access, and healthcare management practices throughout Oregon and North America, which puts us in the position to comment on the issues presented in the NEWCO Oregon/Universal Health Services application.

We believe this letter provides sufficient evidence that SEIU qualifies for affected party status. We welcome the opportunity to provide more information if needed to evaluate our request.

Sincerely,

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