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Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary to the Commission
New York State Public Service Commission
Agency Building 3
Albany, NY 12223-1350

RE: Case 17-E-0071
Petition of Jericho Project for 2065 Walton Avenue, Bronx NY

Dear Secretary Burgess:

On behalf of the project owners, I write to provide additional information in response to the requests of PSC staff, and as further supplement our petition and exhibits filed under docket number 17-E-0071 on February 1, 2017, and my letter and supporting documents filed on September 8, 2017.

On February 13, 2018 Ms. Kirsten Ewing inquired about the following:

1. The date or expected date of completion for construction of the building; and
2. The date occupancy will begin. Is the building occupied?

Response: We expect that construction of this 10 story building, containing 89 studio apartments for homeless veterans and young adults (with one superintendent's unit), will be completed by April 30, 2018 and we will receive a temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO) from the NYC Department of Buildings. Jericho Project, the non-profit partner that will be operating the building and providing rental and social services to all tenants, has already started screening eligible applicants and hopes to begin moving tenants into the building immediately after receipt of a TCO, with full occupancy to be achieved by July 2018.

On February 14, 2018, Mr. Craig Carroll, Utility Analyst, sought the following additional information:

- 1) Please provide a description as to how an individual becomes a resident at the building. For example – does an individual get referred from another agency? Is there an application process? Is there a set of criteria that is evaluated by building staff?

- 2) Please provide a description of the services offered to residents—e.g. medication management, case management, meals provided, various counseling services, on-site staff 24 hours a day, etc.

Response: Fifty-six (56) of the project's eighty-nine (89) apartments have been allocated to housing homeless, disabled and low income veterans. These homeless veterans are referred to Jericho Project from the Bronx Veterans Administration with rental assistance vouchers, called HUD VASH vouchers. These vouchers provide rental assistance very similar to that provided by the HUD Section 8 project based voucher program. Veterans are initially screened for program eligibility by the VA.

The VA dispenses VASH rental assistance vouchers along with a commitment to provide medical, social, and case management services to eligible veterans who are homeless, low income and in need of psychiatric or rehabilitative services. The rehabilitative services are provided either by Jericho at the site or in conjunction with the Bronx VA. Jericho is committed to accepting all interested and eligible veterans referred by the VA.

Thirty-three (33) apartments are for homeless, low income and needy young adults. These young adults are referred by the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA). In addition to being homeless and in need of social services, applicants must also meet a low income eligibility requirement. After being referred by HRA, the applicants are interviewed by Jericho Project and sent to the New York City Housing Authority, the agency that provides the project based section 8 rental assistance voucher, for final approval. Jericho is committed to accepting all interested and eligible young adults referred by HRA and approved by NYCHA.

Jericho was awarded a contract from the NYC HRA to provide a range of social services to the young adult population, including: counseling, educational and employment assistance, life skills and case management, as well as medical and psychiatric/rehabilitative referrals to local hospitals and clinics.

Please refer to our initial submission and my supplemental letter for a more complete description of the project and populations to be served. As explained, this building has received NYS funding through the Office of Temporary Disability Assistance and NYC supportive housing loan program, as well as extensive federal funding for rental assistance for all tenants.

I hope that this second supplement has answered all questions. If not, please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 693-2330 or by email at elisa@bandburban.com

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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