GOOD HOPE HOSPITAL, INC. and GOOD HOPE HEALTH SYSTEM, L.L.C., Petitioners, and TOWN OF LILLINGTON, Petitioner-Intervenor v. NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FACILITY SERVICES, CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION, Respondent, and BETSY JOHNSON REGIONAL HOSPITAL, INC., and AMISUB OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. d/b/a CENTRAL CAROLINA HOSPITAL, Respondent-Intervenors

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Appeal pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-30(2) from the decision of a divided panel of the Court of Appeals, 175 N.C.

App. 309, 623 S.E.2d 315 (2006), affirming a final agency decision issued 1 November 2004 by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Heard in the Supreme Court 18 October 2006.

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PER CURIAM.

AFFIRMED.

Justice TIMMONS-GOODSON did not participate in the consideration or decision of this case.