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Dear [Redacted]

This will acknowledge your telephone calls as well as request for reconsideration for a Special Issuance Authorization.

For further review, please provide the items listed below. All items should be submitted completely and in one mailing. Understand that upon receipt and review, additional information may be requested.

1. You will need to engage with a Human Intervention Motivation Study (HIMS) Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) for sponsorship and commencement of a monitoring program. In order to locate a (HIMS)-trained Aviation Medical Examiner (HIMS AME), you may visit our website to locate a HIMS AME in your area. Click on the Listing of HIMS Independent Medical Sponsors on the FAA's AME Locator Page (www.faa.gov/pilots/amelocator).

2. Monitoring should consist at a minimum of:

- a. The expectation is permanent abstinence from alcohol and all other mind- or mood-altering substances;
- b. Frequent, random, unannounced testing for alcohol consumption using standard medical testing methods (urine EtG/EtS, PEth testing, or a mobile alcohol monitoring system are preferred), and urine drug testing at a frequency no less than 14 tests in each 12 month period;
- c. Standard mutual support group recovery program activities (e.g. AA meetings, AA sponsor contact, sober meetings, etc.);
- d. Assessment with weekly attendance and participation with ongoing group activities with quarterly written progress reports from the counselor/therapist provided to the HIMS AME;
- e. Periodic face-to-face visits with the HIMS AME;
- f. Other requirements of the HIMS AME.

3. Following completion of six to nine months or more of successful and ongoing monitoring, submit to a current Substance Abuse Psychiatric evaluation and a current NeuroPsychological evaluation performed by Human Intervention Motivation Study (HIMS) evaluators, in accordance with the enclosed specifications. You will need to contact a HIMS Aviation Medical Examiner to locate a HIMS Psychiatrist and NeuroPsychologist nearest you. You can find a listing of HIMS Independent Medical Sponsors near you at website <http://www.faa.gov/pilots/amelocator/> and click on the appropriate link.

4. Prior to the evaluations, you will need to authorize us to release a complete copy of your entire FAA medical file to the chosen evaluators for review. The evaluators must comment in their reports on having received and reviewed the entire FAA medical file and address the clinically relevant information in the context of the evaluations. Please use the enclosed Release of Information Request Form to release a copy of your records to the HIMS AME.

5. Following favorable performance on the HIMS Psychiatric and Neuropsychological evaluations, the HIMS AME should provide subsequent correspondence:

- a. Confirming the AME's commitment to sponsorship and monitoring;
- b. Advising of progress within monitoring to date, current status, and prognosis;
- c. If appropriate recommending any additional monitoring program requirements; and requesting consideration for a Special Issuance Authorization;
- d. This should include copies of the recent P&P evaluations, and a recent current status narrative from the group aftercare counselor/therapist.

6. Prior to or at the time of your initial appointment with the chosen HIMS AME, please provide a copy of this letter to the HIMS AME for reference.

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On any future correspondence, please use the above reference numbers (PI, MID, or App ID).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Release of Information Form; Specifications for psychiatric and neuropsychological evaluation for substance abuse/dependence; Pilot's Bill of Rights Notification to Denied Applicant