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Before Presiding Officer:
G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Administrative Judge

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Jerry R. Kline, Administrative Judge

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In the Matter of

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

(Denial of License Amendment)

Docket No. 30-02764-MLA

ASLBP No. 97-722-01-MLA

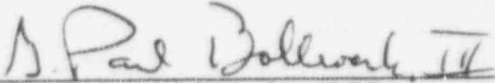
February 10, 1997

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
(Granting Request to Hold
Proceeding in Abeyance)

By motion dated February 7, 1997, the NRC staff has requested that this proceeding, including the Presiding Officer's February 3, 1997 directive requiring a staff answer and other filings by this date, be held in abeyance through February 28, 1997. In its motion, the staff declares it is reconsidering its decision to deny the January 5, 1996 amendment request of the University of Cincinnati (University) and is currently discussing the possibility of reversal of that denial with University representatives. The staff has asked for a delay to afford an opportunity to complete its reconsideration efforts and consultations with the University. The staff also states that counsel for the University has no objection to its motion.

The staff's February 7, 1997 motion to hold in abeyance is granted. The staff filings required under the Presiding Officer's February 3, 1997 memorandum and order are now due on or before Friday, February 28, 1997. If the staff wants an additional stay relative to those filings beyond February 28, 1997, on or before Tuesday, February 25, 1997, the staff shall file a motion requesting an additional extension that includes a report on the status of the staff's reconsideration efforts and any discussions with University representatives regarding the University's January 1996 license amendment request.

It is so ORDERED.



G. Paul Bollwerk, III
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB M&O GRANTING REQUEST...2/10 have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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