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In the Matter of)

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI)

) Docket No. 30-02764-MLA

(Denial of License Amendment))

) ASLBP No. 97-722-01-MLA

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NRC STAFF MOTION TO HOLD PROCEEDING IN ABEYANCE

The NRC Staff hereby requests that the proceeding involving the denial of the University of Cincinnati's request for a license amendment be held in abeyance until February 28, 1997. The Staff has reconsidered its decision to deny the amendment request, and is currently discussing the reversal of that denial with representatives of the University. If those discussions are successful, further proceedings with respect to this matter would be unnecessary. In light of these events, the Staff requests that all activities pertaining to this proceeding be held in abeyance until February 28, 1997, including those filings required by the Presiding officer's order of February 3, 1997. Staff Counsel has contacted Counsel for the Licensee, and has been authorized to state that Counsel for the Licensee has no objection to this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard G. Bachmann
Counsel for NRC Staff

Dated at Rockville, Maryland
this 7th day of February, 1997

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I hereby certify that copies of the "NRC STAFF MOTION TO HOLD PROCEEDING IN ABEYANCE" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class, or as indicated by an asterisk through deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system or hand-delivered as indicated by a double asterisk this 7th day of February 1997:

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