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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO FACILITY LICENSE NO. R-89
CORNELL UNIVERSITY ZERO POWER REACTOR (TAC NO. M97228)

Dear Mr. Aderhold:

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The amendment removes the authority from the license to operate the reactor, authorizes possession-only of the reactor, and changes the TSs to remove operational requirements not needed for possession-only status.

A copy of the related safety evaluation supporting Amendment No. 4 is also included.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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