

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of	)	
THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA	)	Docket No. 50-142
(UCLA Research Reactor)	)	(Proposed Renewal of Facility License)

MOTION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF STAFF TESTIMONY

I. THE MOTION

The NRC Staff hereby moves that the appearance of two Staff witnesses at hearing be postponed until September 15 or October 1, 1983 and that written testimony of these Staff witnesses be scheduled for filing on September 1, 1983 for the reasons which follow.

II. DISCUSSION

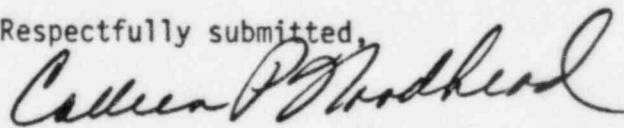
At a February 23, 1983 prehearing conference in this proceeding, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) notified the parties that it wished to establish a hearing schedule for either early May, 1983 or early August, 1983. Extensive discussions have been held concerning availability of parties' witnesses for those time periods, not only during the prehearing conference, but also during subsequent conference calls. Staff counsel informed the Board that the May hearing was probably not possible due to the Staff workload from other cases. During the March 9 and 11, 1983 conference calls, it was established that hearing could be held in late July or early August to accommodate

Intervenor's witnesses. A June 15, 1983 date for filing written testimony was established during the calls, and July 18, 1983 has been established for start of hearing. This schedule was provided to members of the Staff chosen as witnesses. However, because of the limited resources of the Accident Evaluation Branch in the Division of Systems Integration, and the great demand on these resources due to numerous near-term power reactor licensing proceedings, it is now evident that it will not be possible for two NRC Staff witnesses to appear at the July, 1983 hearing, as explained more fully in the attached affidavit. Nevertheless, Staff will be able to present the witnesses identified from three National Laboratories who have authored generic analyses of Argonaut-UTR characteristics as the first witnesses in July.

### III. CONCLUSION

For the reason explained, NRC Staff from the Accident Evaluation Branch are unable to prepare testimony before September 1, 1983. Therefore, Staff moves to postpone the filing of written testimony of the two prospective witnesses from the Commission's Accident Evaluation Branch until September 1, 1983 and their appearance at hearing until mid-September or early October, 1983, according to the preference of the Board and parties.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland  
this 20th day of April, 1983