UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UCLA Research Reactor)

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Docket No. 50-142 (Proposed Renewal of Facility License) 1985

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March 7, 1985

JOINT RESPONSE TO BOARD'S MEMORANDA AND ORDERS OF FEBRUARY 8 AND 21, 1985

Response to Board Questions

1. Substantial progress toward an agreement has been made. Further substantial progress can reasonably be expected, although, of course, not guaranteed.

2. Major obstacles do not appear at this stage to exist which are unlikely to be overcome by further negotiations.

3. We are aiming to complete a written stipulation by approximately May 15. If there is slippage of that date, or if an impasse develops, we will promptly notify the Board.

Details

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Representatives of the NRC Staff, UCLA, and the Committee to Bridge the Gap conducted settlement conferences among the three parties on November 21 and December 13, 1984, and on January 10, 1985. Significant progress was made on each occasion, and tentative agreement in principle (with exact language and some details still to be agreed to) was reached regarding the issues of continued possession authority during dismantlement and the need for dates certain (although not the specific dates) for dismantlement stages.

In addition, UCLA and CBG have had settlement conferences on January 4, January 24, February 6, and February 13 to attempt to resolve matters that were primarily between the two parties--particularly with regards the protective orders and continued document preservation and service. Significant progress was likewise made on each occasion, and tentative agreement in principle was reached on these issues (with exact language and some details still to be agreed to).

Remaining matters to be resolved include final agreement of details and language as to the above items, plus the actual dates for dismantlement stages and enforcement provisions for the entire agreement. It has been made clear that agreements reached on sub-issues remain contingent--at least at this stage--upon agreement of the remaining issues.

All three parties had an additional conference on March 5 to agree to this joint statement and to discuss certain other matters. We will continue to keep the Board informed of progress in the discussions and, if an impasse is reached, promptly so inform the Board.

Daniel Hirsch President, CBG

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dated: March 5, 1985 at Santa Cruz, CA.

William Cormier Representing UCLA

dated: March 6, 1985 at Los Angeles, CA.

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Colleen P. Woodhead Counsel for NRC Staff

dated: March Z, 1985 at Bethesda, MD.