REACTOR FACILITY

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Theodore S. Michaels, Senior Project Manager Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Re: License R-112, Docket 50-288

Dear Ted:

I am enclosing our proposed revised Technical Specifications for the Reed Research Reactor. This document has been approved by the Reactor Operations Committee, and has also been reviewed by the Radiation Safety Committee. From the standpoint of operational restrictions, I believe that you will find that the new Technical Specifications are substantially similar to the old. Administratively, we are proposing to change to a single oversight committee, with expertise which includes that on both of our present committees. You will note that reactivity limits are expressed exclusively in dollars, which is the measurable unit. However, we have defined beta-effective for our facility, so that a correspondence can be verified to the values expressed in our present Technical Specifications. Finally, in anticipation of future NRC policy, with each physical quantity, we have specified both SI and older units, and provided that compliance may be demonstrated in either unit.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Ruby

Professor

Reactor Director

cc: Provost Bennett /woenc

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