Unstable-Funcons-beta: Postponing

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Postponing

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[ Entity postponing
Funcon postpone
Funcon postpone-after-effect
Funcon after-effect ]
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A funcon term can extend itself (e.g., with code to release the resources allocated to it) using general funcons for postponed execution. When a step from X to X' executes $\mathsf{postpone}(Y)$ (which computes null), the corresponding step of $\mathsf{postpone}$ -after-effect(X) gives $\mathsf{postpone}$ -after-effect(X', Y), so that normal termination of X' is followed by the effect of Y.

The control entity postponing(A) signals that the execution of the body of the abstraction A is postponed:

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Entity = \frac{\mathsf{postponing}( : (\mathsf{abstractions}(\Rightarrow \mathsf{null-type}))^?)}{}
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The funcon postpone(X) forms a closure from X and signals that its execution is postponed:

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Funcon postpone(\_: \Rightarrow values) : \Rightarrow null-type

Rule \frac{given-value(V) \vdash closure \ give(V, X) \xrightarrow{postponing()} A}{given-value(V) \vdash postpone(X) \xrightarrow{postponing(A)} null-value} 
Rule \frac{given-value() \vdash closure \ no-given \ X \xrightarrow{postponing(A)} A}{given-value() \vdash postpone(X) \xrightarrow{postponing(A)} null-value}
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The funcon postpone-after-effect(X) handles each signal postponing(A) by adding it as an after-effect of X:

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Funcon postpone-after-effect(_{-}:\Rightarrow T): \Rightarrow T

X \xrightarrow{\text{postponing()}} X'
X \xrightarrow{\text{postponing(A)}} X'
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