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Office of Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850
(850) 413-6770

**Re: Application by DCB Dark Fiber, LLC for Original Authority to Provide
Telecommunications Service in the State of Florida**

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed are two copies of DCB Dark Fiber, LLC's redacted Application for Original Authority to Provide Telecommunications Service in the State of Florida. Also included is the \$500 Filing Fee.

Included separately, within a sealed envelope marked "Confidential", is DCB Dark Fiber, LLC's Confidential Application for Original Authority to Provide Telecommunications Service in the State of Florida.

Please contact us at the phone number or email listed above if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeff Strenkowski

/s/ Victor M. Noriega

Enclosures:

Two copies of the redacted Application

Sealed envelope with the Confidential Application

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OFFICE OF INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND MARKET ANALYSIS

APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL AUTHORITY OR TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

INSTRUCTIONS

This form should be used as the application for an original certificate and transfer of an existing certificate (from a Florida certificated company to a non-certificated company). In the case of a transfer, the information shall be provided by the transferee. If you have other questions about completing the form, call **(850) 413-6600**.

Print or type all responses to each item requested in the application. If an item is not applicable, please explain. All questions must be answered. If unable to answer the question in the allotted space, please continue on a separate sheet.

Once completed, submit the **original and one copy** of this form along with a **non-refundable** fee of **\$500.00** to:

**Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Commission Clerk
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APPLICATION

This is an application for (check one):

Original certificate (new company)

Approval of transfer of existing certificate: Example, a non-certificated company purchases an existing company and desires to retain the original certificate rather than apply for a new certificate.

Please provide the following:

1. Full name of company, including fictitious name(s), that must match identically with name(s) on file with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations registration:
DCB Dark Fiber, LLC
2. The Florida Secretary of State corporate registration number:
M26000002742
3. F.E.I. Number: 99-4640824
4. Structure of organization:

The company will be operating as a:
(Check all that apply):

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> | General Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Foreign Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Foreign Partnership |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Limited Liability Company | <input type="checkbox"/> | Limited Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sole Proprietorship | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other, please specify below: |

If a partnership, provide a copy of the partnership agreement. Not Applicable

If a foreign limited partnership, proof of compliance with the foreign limited partnership statute (Chapter 620.169, FS). The Florida registration number is: Not Applicable

5. Who will serve as point of contact to the Commission in regard to the following?

(a) This application:

Name: Jeffrey Strenkowski
Title: Partner, Troutman Pepper Locke LLP
Street Address: 401 9th Street, NW, Suite 1000
Post Office Box:
City: Washington
State: District of Columbia
Zip: 20004
Telephone No.: 202-274-1907
Fax No.:
E-Mail Address: jeff.strenkowski@troutman.com

(b) Ongoing operations of the company:

(This company liaison will be the point of contact for FPSC correspondence. This point of contact can be updated if a change is necessary but this must be completed at the time the application is filed).

Name: Alan Poole
Title: General Counsel
Street Address: 1040 Crowne Pointe Parkway, Suite 800
Post Office Box:
City: Atlanta
State: Georgia
Zip: 30338
Telephone No.: 877-590-1684
Fax No.:
E-Mail Address: alan.poole@dcblox.com
Company Homepage: www.dcblox.com

(c) Optional secondary point of contact or liaison:

(This point of contact will not receive FPSC correspondence but will be on file with the FPSC).

Name: Victor Noriega
Title: Associate, Troutman Pepper Locke LLP
Street Address: 600 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 3000
Post Office Box:
City: Atlanta
State: Georgia
Zip: 30308
Telephone No.: 404-885-3037
Fax No.:
E-Mail Address: Victor.Noriega@troutman.com

6. Physical address for the applicant that will do business in Florida:

Street address: 1200 South Pine Island Road
City: Plantation
State: Florida
Zip: 33324
Telephone No.: _____
Fax No.: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

7. List the state(s), and accompanying docket number(s), in which the applicant has:

(a) **operated** as a telecommunications company. DCB Dark Fiber, LLC has a certificate to provide telecommunications in Georgia and South Carolina.

(b) **applications pending** to be certificated as a telecommunications company. None.

(c) **been certificated** to operate as a telecommunications company. DCB Dark Fiber, LLC has a certificate to provide telecommunications in Georgia and South Carolina.

(d) **been denied authority** to operate as a telecommunications company and the circumstances involved. None.

(e) **had regulatory penalties imposed** for violations of telecommunications statutes and the circumstances involved. None.

(f) **been involved in civil court proceedings** with another telecommunications entity, and the circumstances involved. None.

8. The following questions pertain to the officers and directors. Have any been:

(a) adjudged bankrupt, mentally incompetent (and not had his or her competency restored), or found guilty of any felony or of any crime, or whether such actions may result from pending proceedings? Yes No

If yes, provide explanation.
Not Applicable.

(b) granted or denied a certificate in the State of Florida (this includes active and canceled certificates)? Granted Denied Neither

If granted provide explanation and list the certificate holder and certificate number.
Not Applicable.

If denied provide explanation.
Not Applicable.

(c) an officer, director, and partner in any other Florida certificated telecommunications company? Yes No

If yes, give name of company and relationship. If no longer associated with company, give reason why not.

Not Applicable.

9. Florida Statute 364.335(1)(a) requires a company seeking a certificate of authority to demonstrate its managerial, technical, and financial ability to provide telecommunications service.

Note: *It is the applicant's burden to demonstrate that it possesses adequate managerial ability, technical ability, and financial ability. Additional supporting information may be supplied at the discretion of the applicant. For the purposes of this application, financial statements MUST contain the balance sheet, income statement, and statement of retained earnings.*

(a) **Managerial ability:** An applicant must provide resumes of employees/officers of the company that would indicate sufficient managerial experiences of each. Please explain if a resume represents an individual that is not employed with the company and provide proof that the individual authorizes the use of the resume.

(b) **Technical ability:** An applicant must provide resumes of employees/officers of the company that would indicate sufficient technical experiences or indicate what company has been contracted to conduct technical maintenance. Please explain if a resume represents an individual that is not employed with the company and provide proof that the individual authorizes the use of the resume.

(c) **Financial ability:** An applicant must provide financial statements demonstrating financial ability by submitting a balance sheet, income statement, and retained earnings statement. An applicant that has audited financial statements for the most recent three years must provide those financial statements. If a full three years' historical data is not available, the application must include both historical financial data and pro forma data to supplement. An applicant of a newly established company must provide three years' pro forma data. If the applicant does not have audited financial statements, it must be so stated and signed by either the applicant's chief executive officer or chief financial officer affirming that the financial statements are true and correct.

10. Where will you officially designate as your place of publicly publishing your schedule a/k/a tariffs or price lists? (Tariffs or price lists MUST be publicly published to comply with Florida Statute 364.04).

Florida Public Service Commission

Website – Please provide Website address: _____

Other – Please provide address: _____

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE: I understand that all telecommunications companies must pay a regulatory assessment fee. A minimum annual assessment fee, as defined by the Commission, is required.

RECEIPT AND UNDERSTANDING OF RULES: I understand the Florida Public Service Commission's rules, orders, and laws relating to the provisioning of telecommunications company service in Florida.

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: By my signature below, I, the undersigned owner or officer, attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this application and attached documents and that the applicant has the technical ability, managerial ability, and financial ability to provide telecommunications company service in the State of Florida. I have read the foregoing and declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is true and correct. I have the authority to sign on behalf of my company and agree to comply, now and in the future, with all applicable Commission rules, orders and laws.

Further, I am aware that, pursuant to Chapter 837.06, Florida Statutes, "**Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 and s. 775.083.**"

I understand that any false statements can result in being denied a certificate of authority in Florida.

COMPANY OWNER OR OFFICER

Print Name: Alan Poole
Title: General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Telephone No.: 877-590-1684
E-Mail Address: alan.poole@dcblox.com

Signature: _____



Date: _____

4/14/26

CERTIFICATE TRANSFER

As current holder of Florida Public Service Commission Certificate Number _____,
I have reviewed this application and join in the petitioner's request for a transfer of the
certificate.

COMPANY OWNER OR OFFICER

Print Name: _____
Title: _____
Street/Post Office Box: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____
Telephone No.: _____
Fax No.: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Exhibit A – Resumes in Support of Sections 9(a) and (b)

Jeff Uphues - CEO

Over 30 years of experience with start-ups, turnarounds, growth businesses and publicly traded companies in the technology and data center space.

Areas of Expertise

Executive & Board Level Communications, Entrepreneurial Leadership, Product Development & Product Marketing, Cloud Services and Data Centers.

Professional Experience

CEO - DC BLOX, Atlanta, GA

DC BLOX (including all DC BLOX affiliates) is a vertically integrated developer of digital infrastructure based in the Southeast, providing connected data centers, from colocation facilities in growing markets to hyperscale-ready, build-to-suit campuses. DC BLOX also provides integrated regional network services and dark fiber solutions to meet the connectivity requirements of modern business.

CEO - Liquid Web, Lansing, MI

Liquid Web is a \$100+ million web and cloud hosting company.

Executive VP - Cbeyond, Atlanta, GA

Publicly traded Cloud, Network and Telecommunications provider for enterprise. Acquired by Birch Communications.

Executive VP - Bandwidth.com, Cary, NC

Bandwidth.com is a publicly traded Communications Provider as a Service company.

EDUCATION

Harvard Business School – Advanced Management Program

Rice Business – Jones Graduate School of Business Graduate Certificate, Finance and Accounting

The University of Texas at Arlington – Marketing

Greg Carender – Chief Operating Officer

Over 20 years of global experience in data center development, construction, operations, and strategic planning.

Areas of Expertise

Data center engineering, construction, network operations, hyperscale programs, purchasing, data center operations, fiber development, IT, and security.

Professional Experience

COO - DC BLOX Atlanta, GA

COO - AdaniConneX

AdaniConneX is a multinational data center developer and a joint venture between Adani Group and EdgeConneX.

SVP – EdgeConneX

EdgeConneX is a global data center provider, offering a wide range of data center solutions, from small, localized edge facilities to large hyperscale campuses.

EDUCATION

Purdue University – Bachelor’s Degree, Interdisciplinary Science, Computer Programming Technology

Robert Gordon University – Master’s Degree, Construction Law & Arbitration

Stanford University – Advanced Project Management Program

Cornell University – Real Estate Investments and Asset Management Graduate Certificate

ITT Technical Institute – Master’s Degree, Business Administration

Jeff Wabik – Chief Technology Officer

Over 38 years of experience designing, deploying and operating connectivity and technology solutions globally including network element hardware and software creation, dark fiber ecosystem construction and operation, and automated multi-terabit transport, Transit, Transport and service delivery networks.

Areas of Expertise

Network infrastructure, fiber development, operations, maintenance, and commercialization, and technological development.

Professional Experience

CTO - DC BLOX, Atlanta, GA

CEO and Principal – Fortek, Inc.

Fortek is a full-service consultancy, providing solutions in areas including Information Security, Data Center design and deployment, Telecommunications equipment design and implementation, Network orchestration layer software development and deployment, and others.

CTO of Americas – Intune Networks

Intune Network is the provider of a web-enabled tunable network solution that virtualizes connectivity, enhancing network efficiency, operational simplicity, and service delivery agility.

VP, Data Architectures & System Technology – Ciena Corporation

Ciena Corporation is a global company that provides telecommunications networking equipment, software, and services.

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota – Bachelor's Degrees in Computer Science, Geology

Kevin O'Donnell – Chief Financial Officer

Experience with start-ups, turnarounds, growth businesses and publicly traded companies in the technology and data center space.

Areas of Expertise

Financial stewardship, data center, cloud services, leadership, software technology, operations, and marketing.

Professional Experience

CFO – DC BLOX, Atlanta, GA

CFO - AchieveIt Online, Atlanta, GA

Privately held software-as-a-service (SaaS) focused on business strategy.

Business Unit CFO – Cbeyond, Atlanta, GA

Publicly traded Cloud, Network and Telecommunications provider for enterprise. Acquired by Birch Communications.

Business Unit CFO – S1, Atlanta, GA

Publicly traded enterprise financial services software and data center solutions. Acquired by ACI Worldwide.

Sr. Finance Manager – Earthlink, Atlanta, GA

Internet and managed service provider.

EDUCATION

SUNY Binghamton, Binghamton, NY MPA Finance

Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY B.S., Political Science

Alan Poole – General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Over a decade of experience in with state level compliance for competitive telecommunications companies.

Areas of Expertise

Dark fiber, telecommunications, data centers, other areas of digital infrastructure, state and federal regulation and compliance, rights of way, commercial contracting, construction, and other areas of legal representation.

Professional Experience

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary – DC BLOX, Atlanta, GA

Partner – Troutman Pepper Locke

Experience with fiber network operation and electric utilities.

EDUCATION

University of Georgia School of Law

Georgia Institute of Technology, B.S. in Psychology

Exhibit B – Financial Statements in Support of Section 9(c)

Applicant hereby submits the following financials of both itself and its parent company, DC BLOX Parent, LLC.

Applicant (DCB Dark Fiber, LLC) 2025 Unaudited Financials, which includes:

1. Balance Sheet
2. Income Statement
3. Statement of Retained Earnings

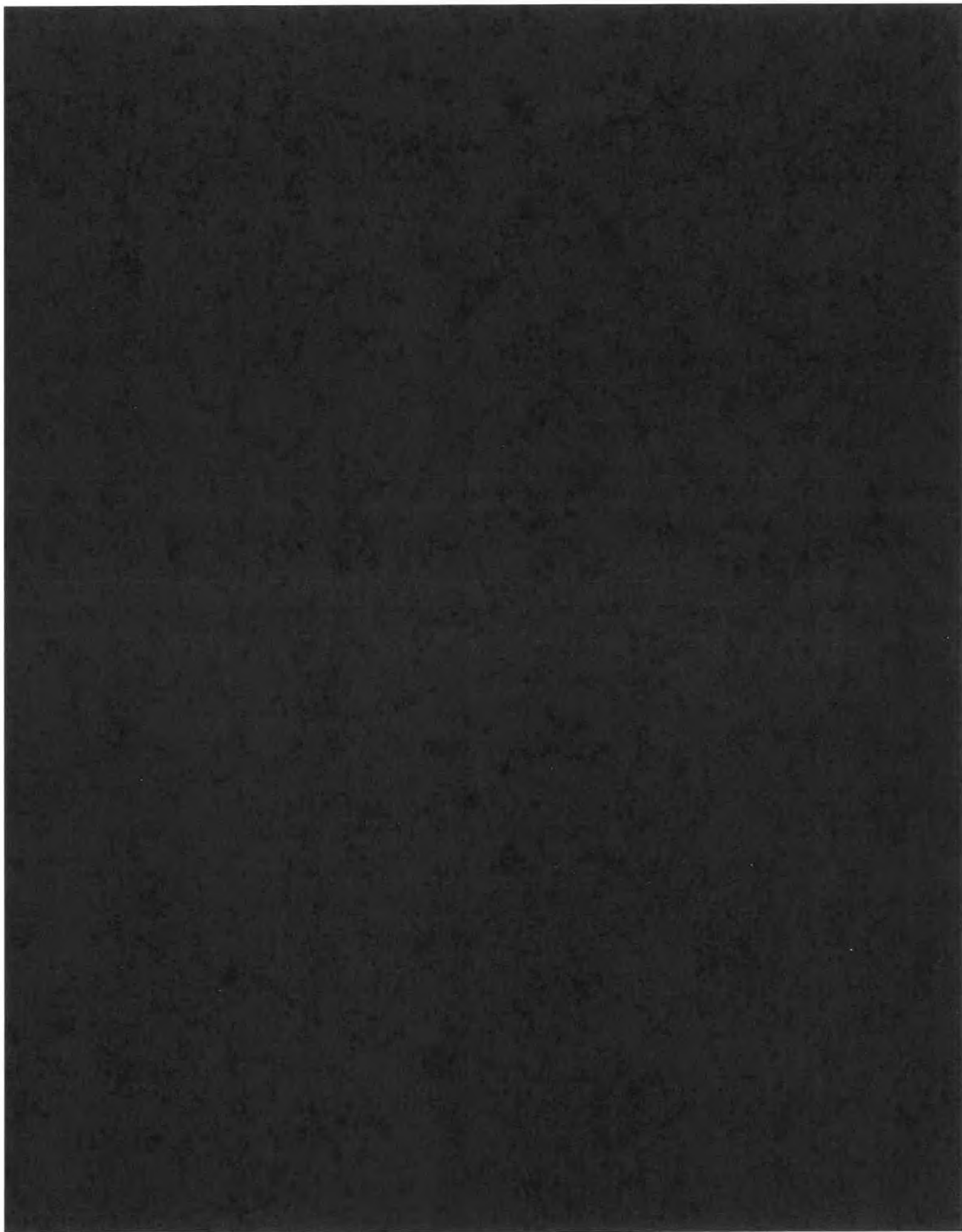
DC BLOX Parent, LLC: 2023 and 2024 Audited Financials

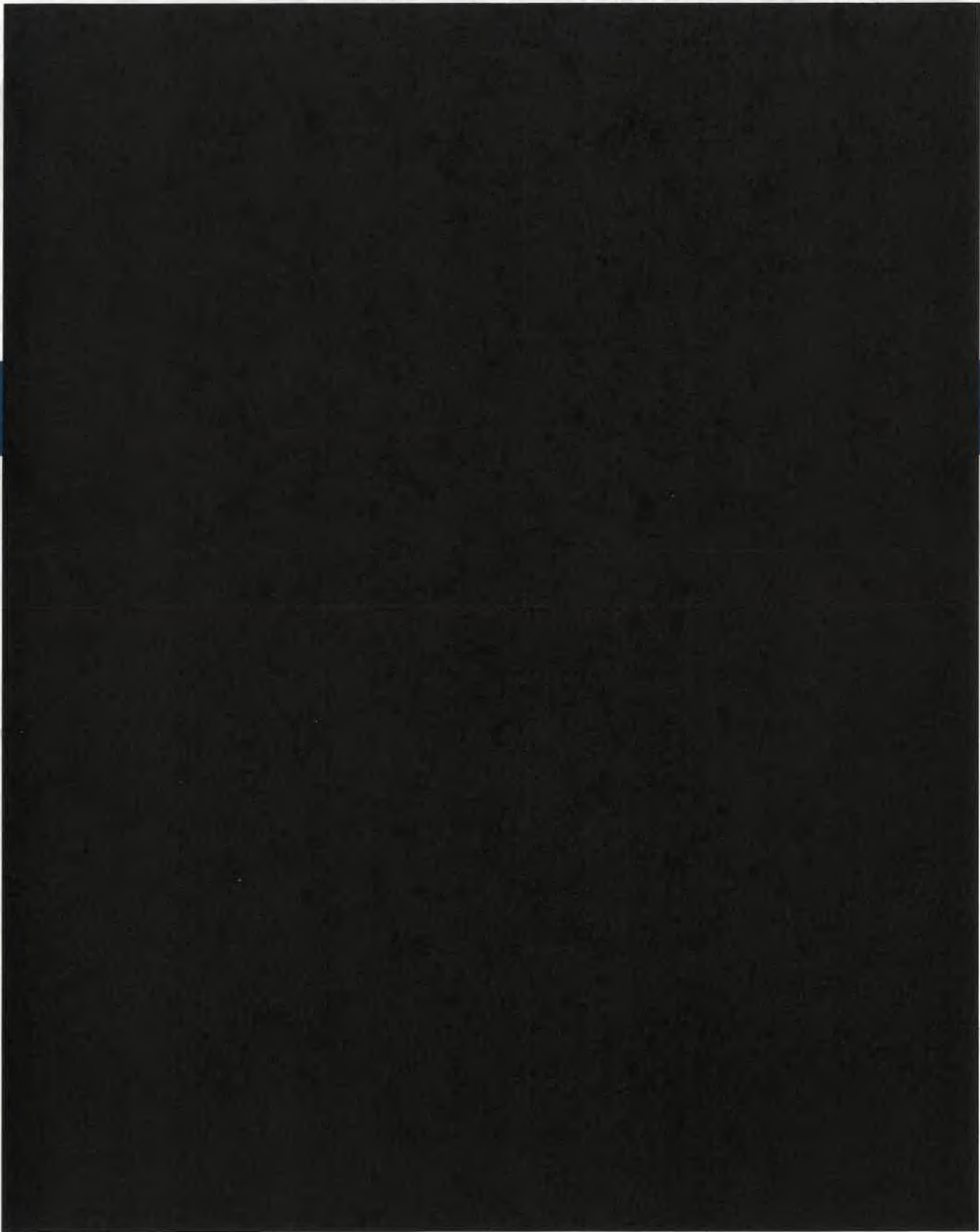
The undersigned affirm that the unaudited financial statements submitted by Applicant are true and correct, to the best of their knowledge after reasonable inquiry.

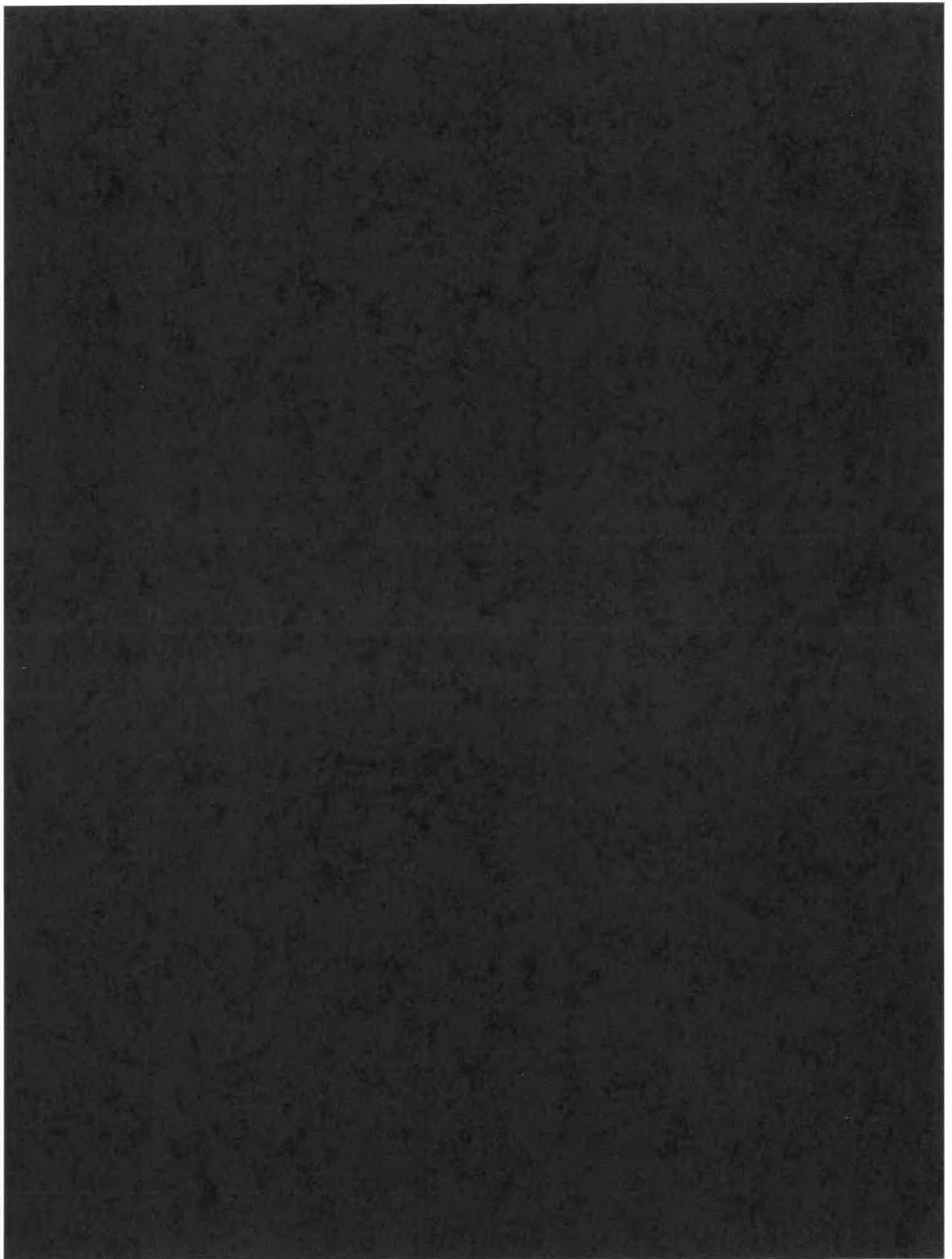

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Title: CEO

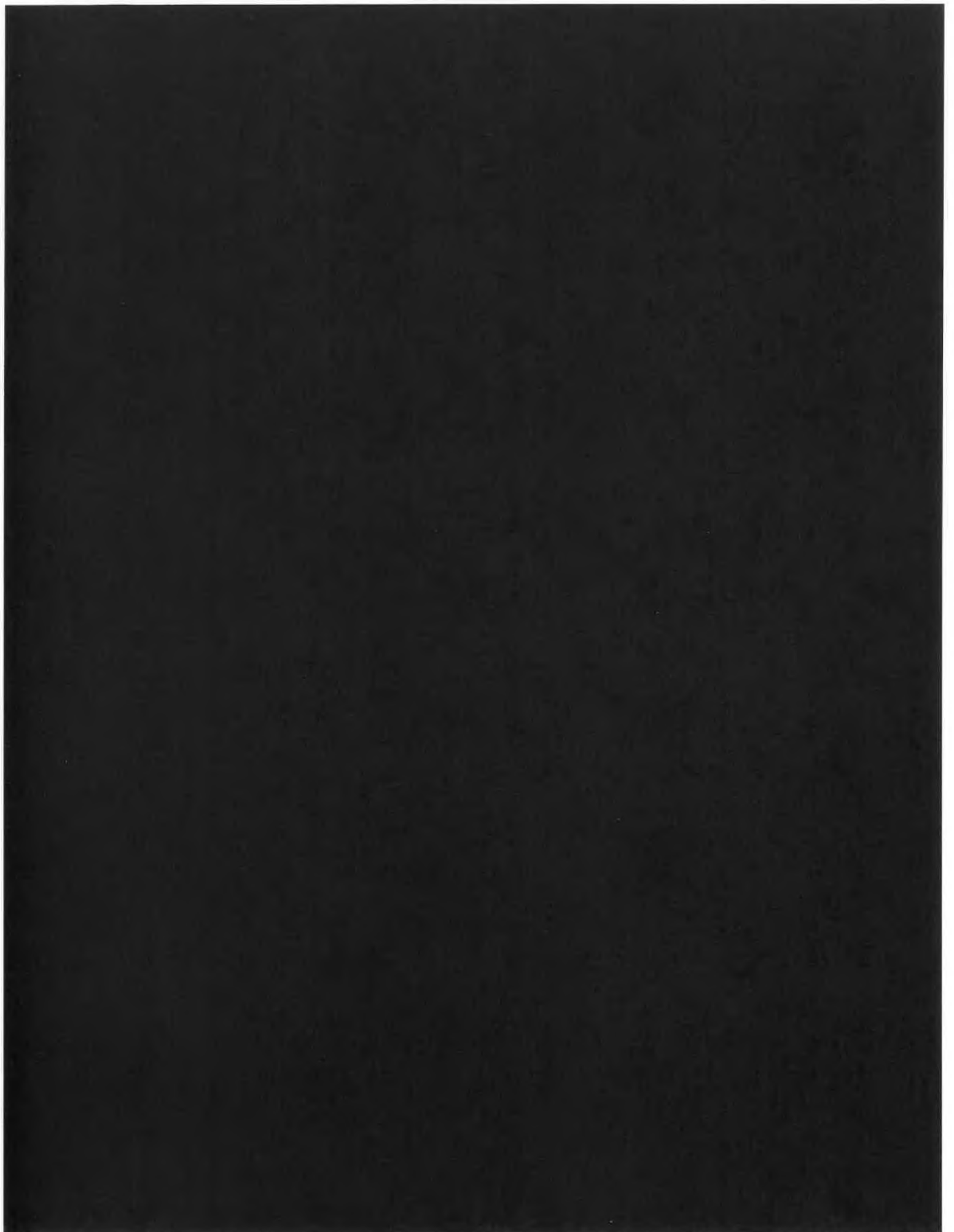

By: Kevin O'Donnell
Title: CFO

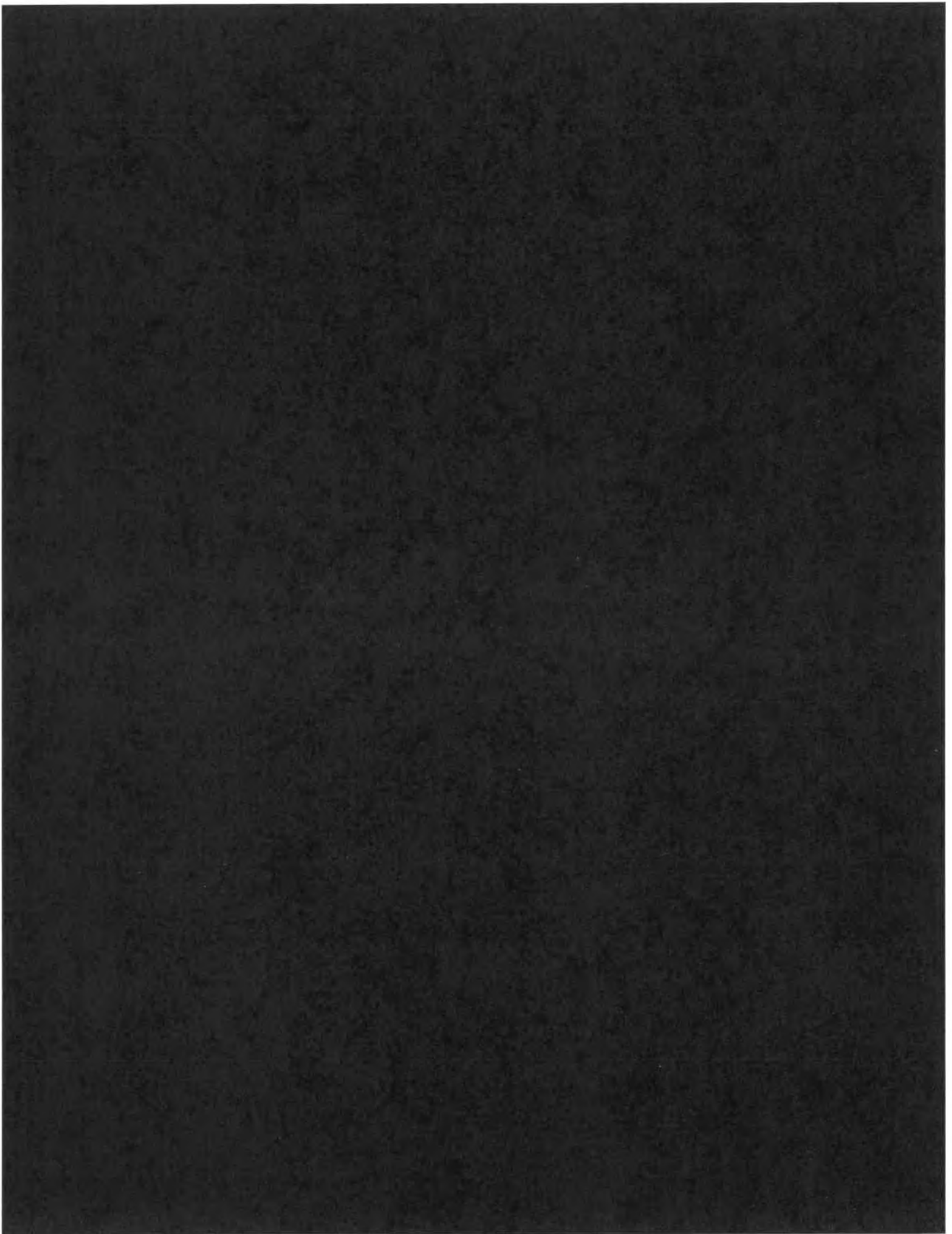


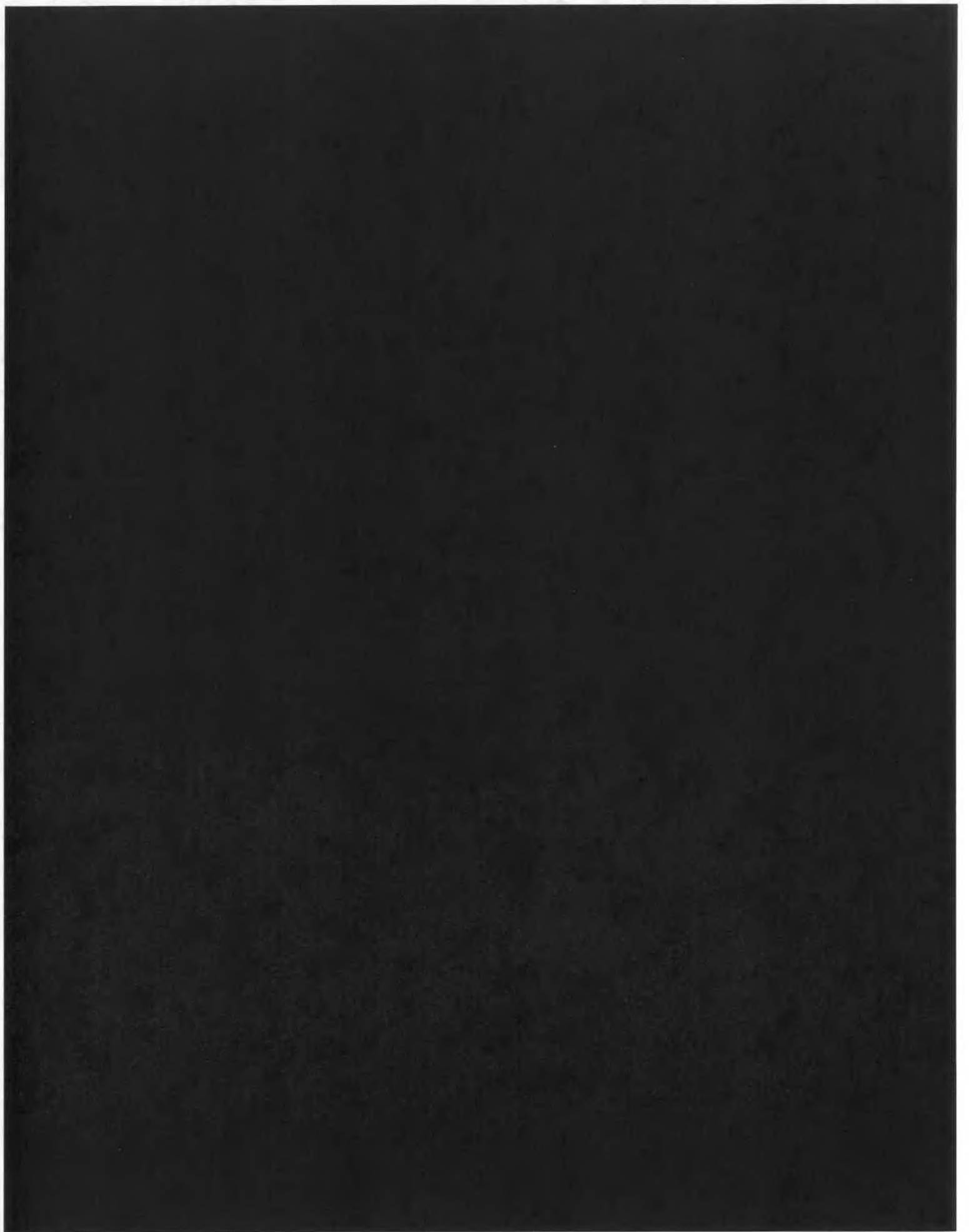


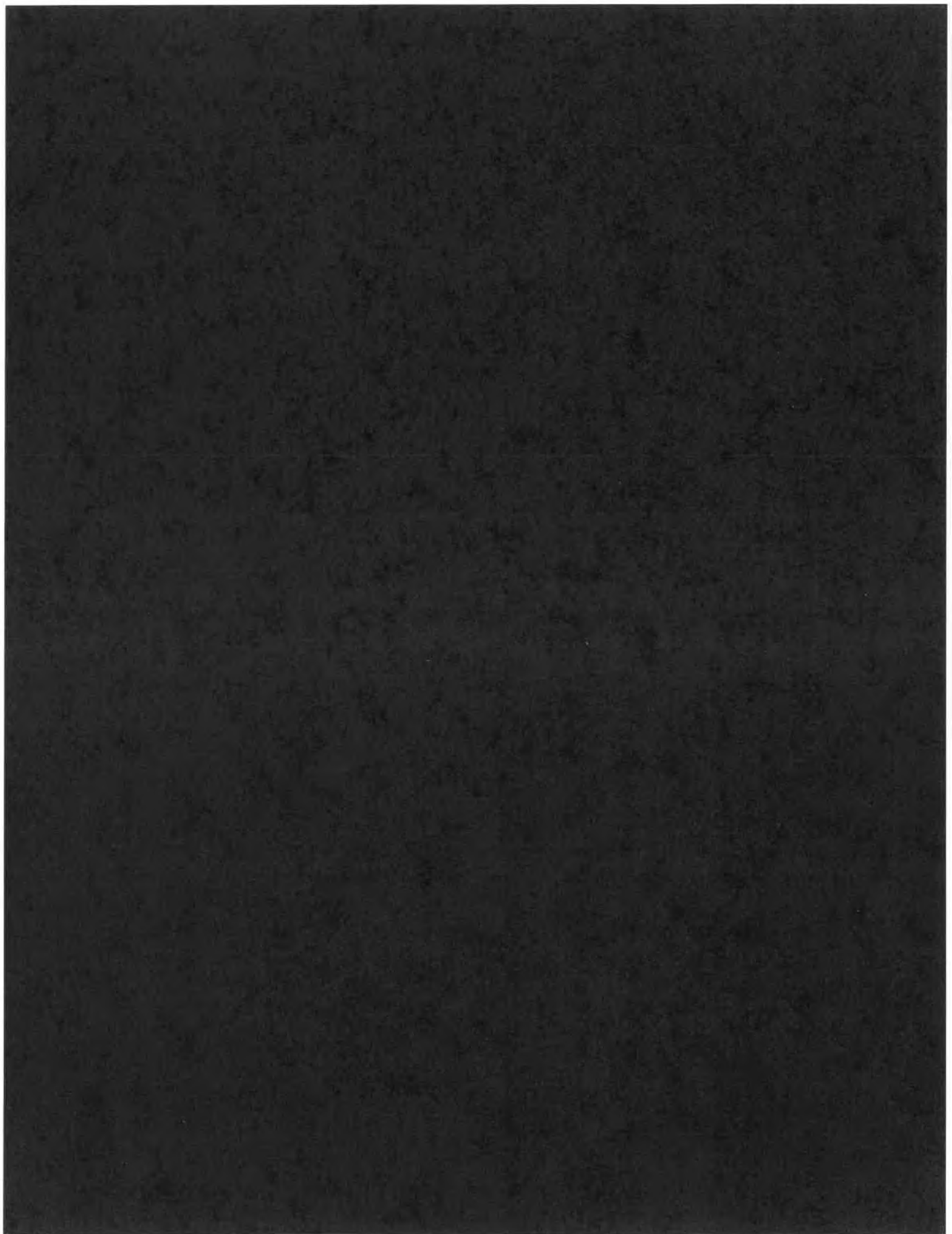




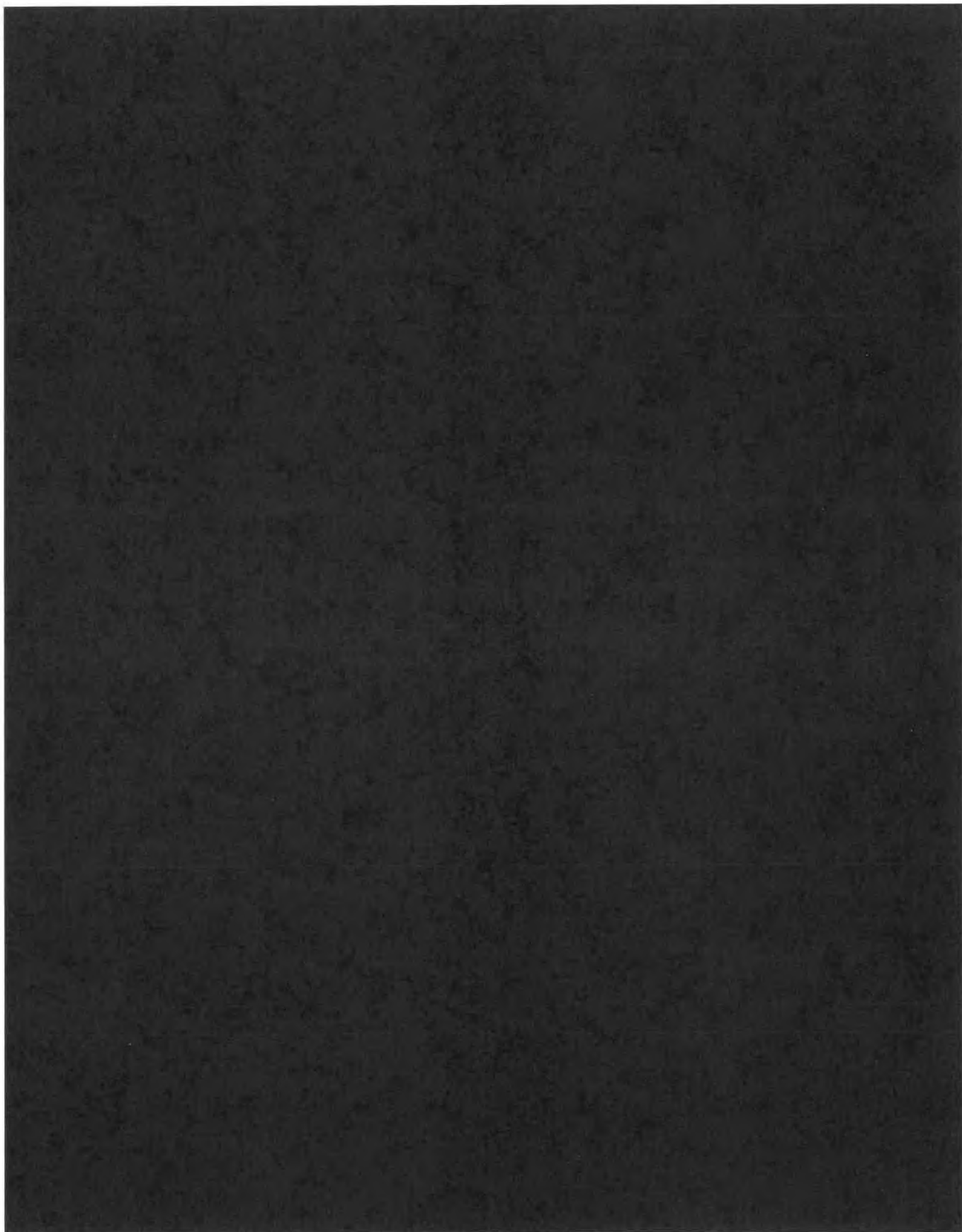


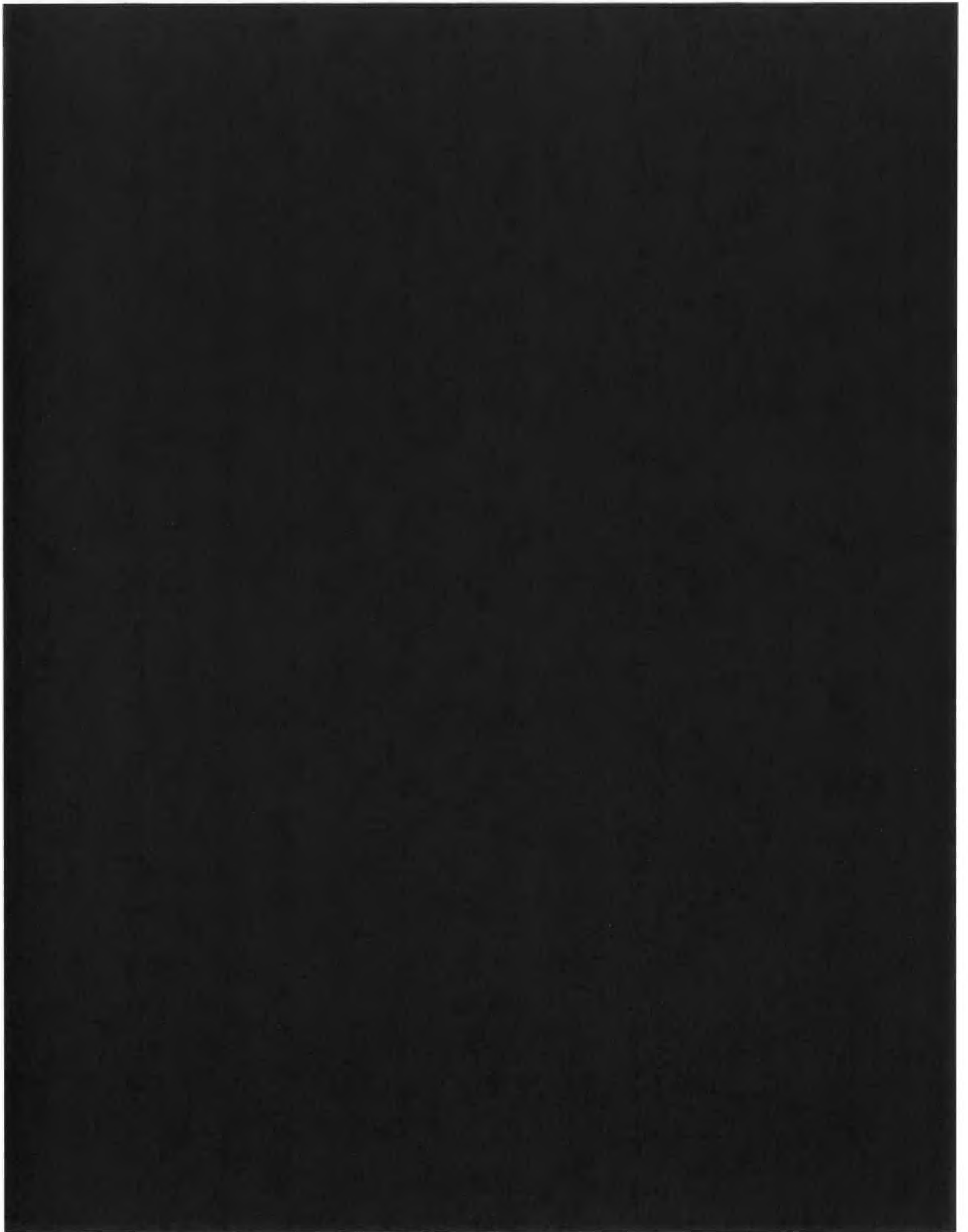


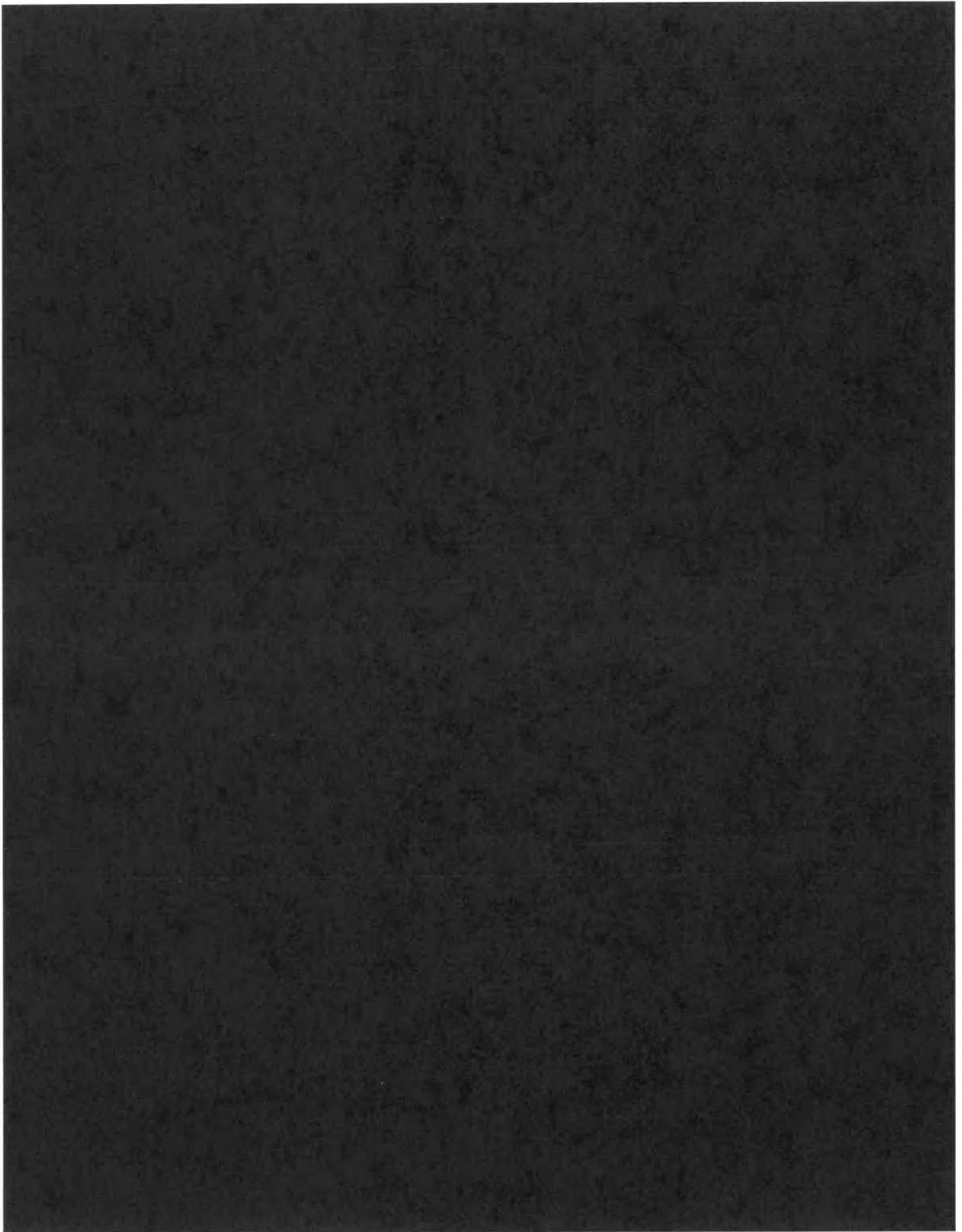




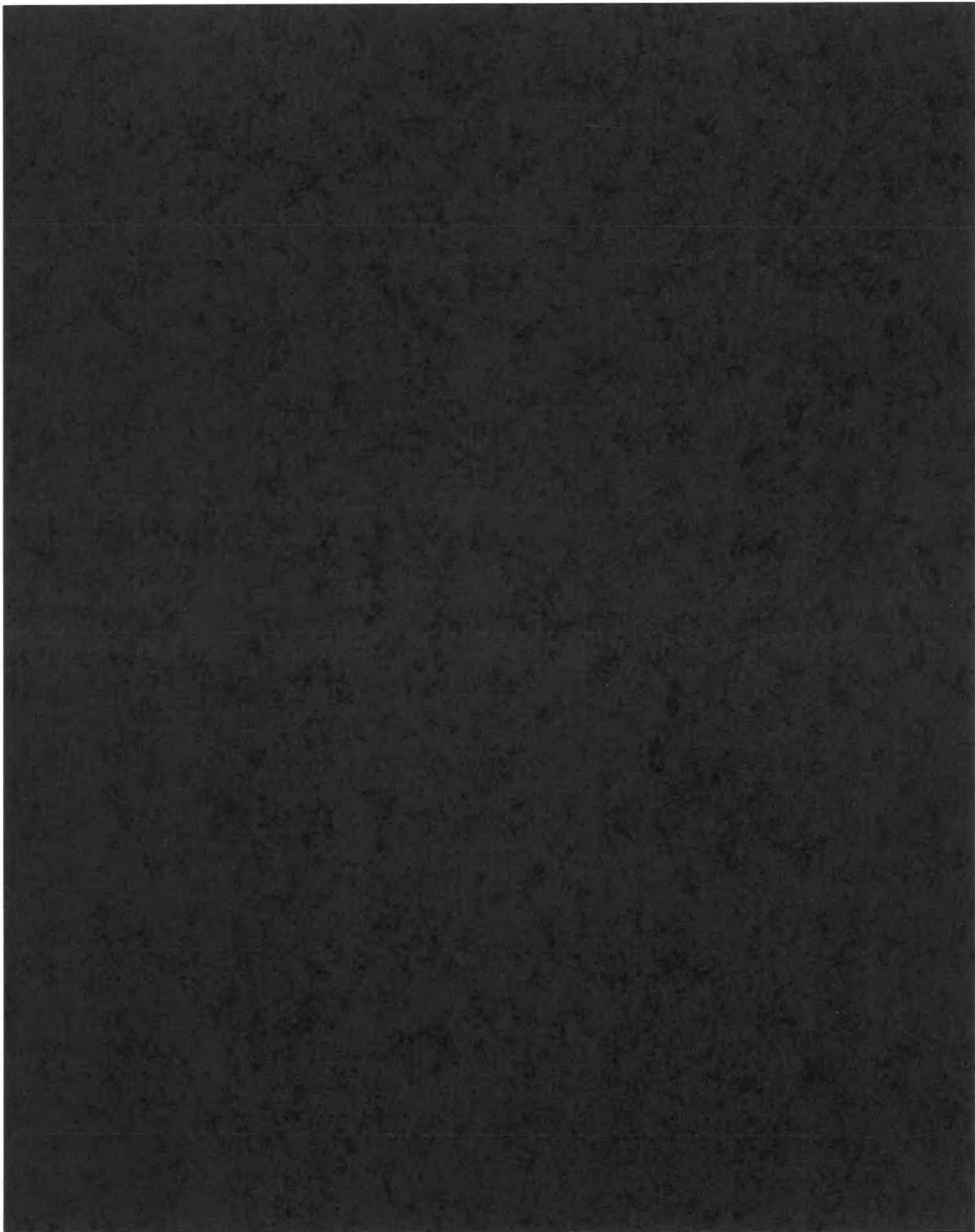




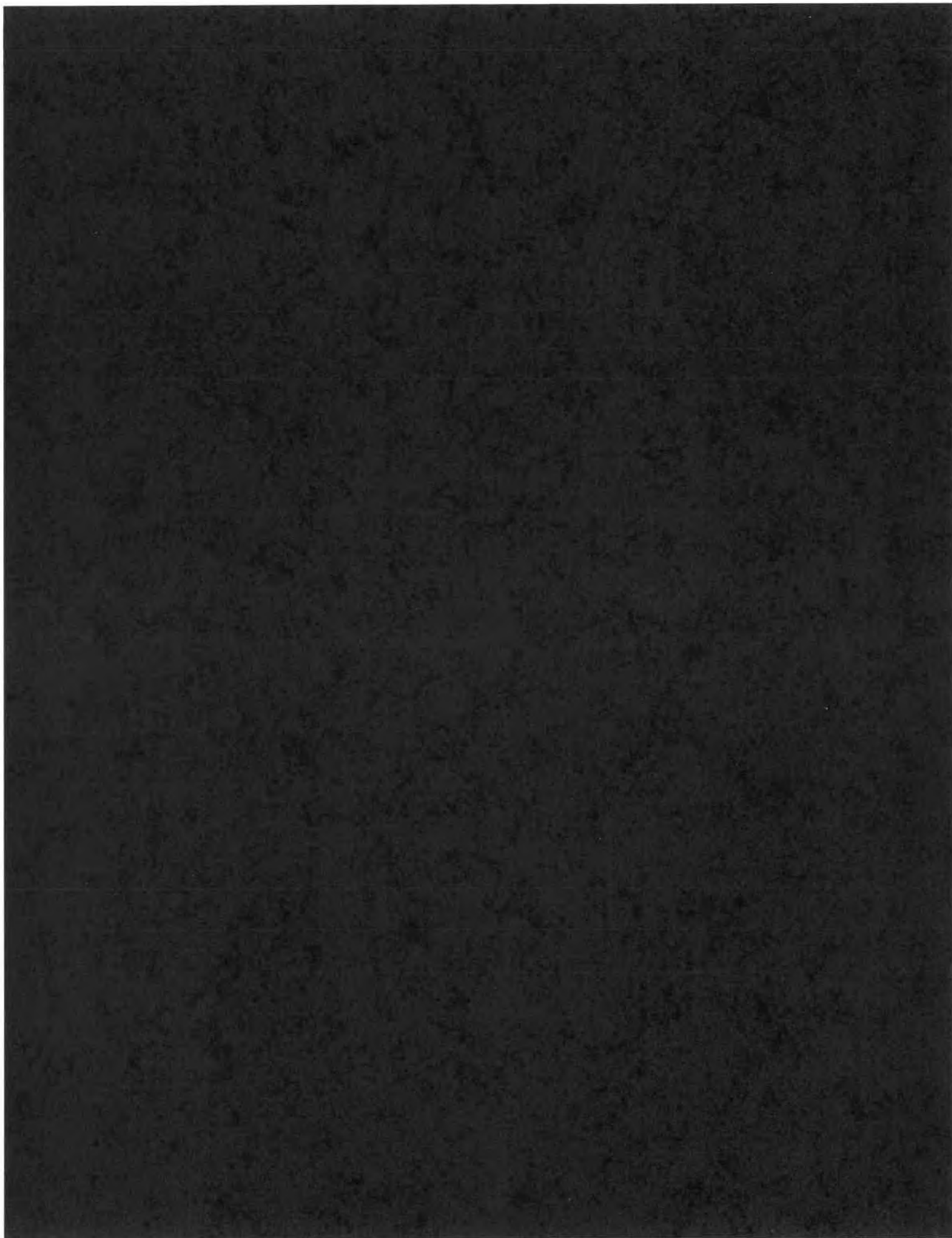


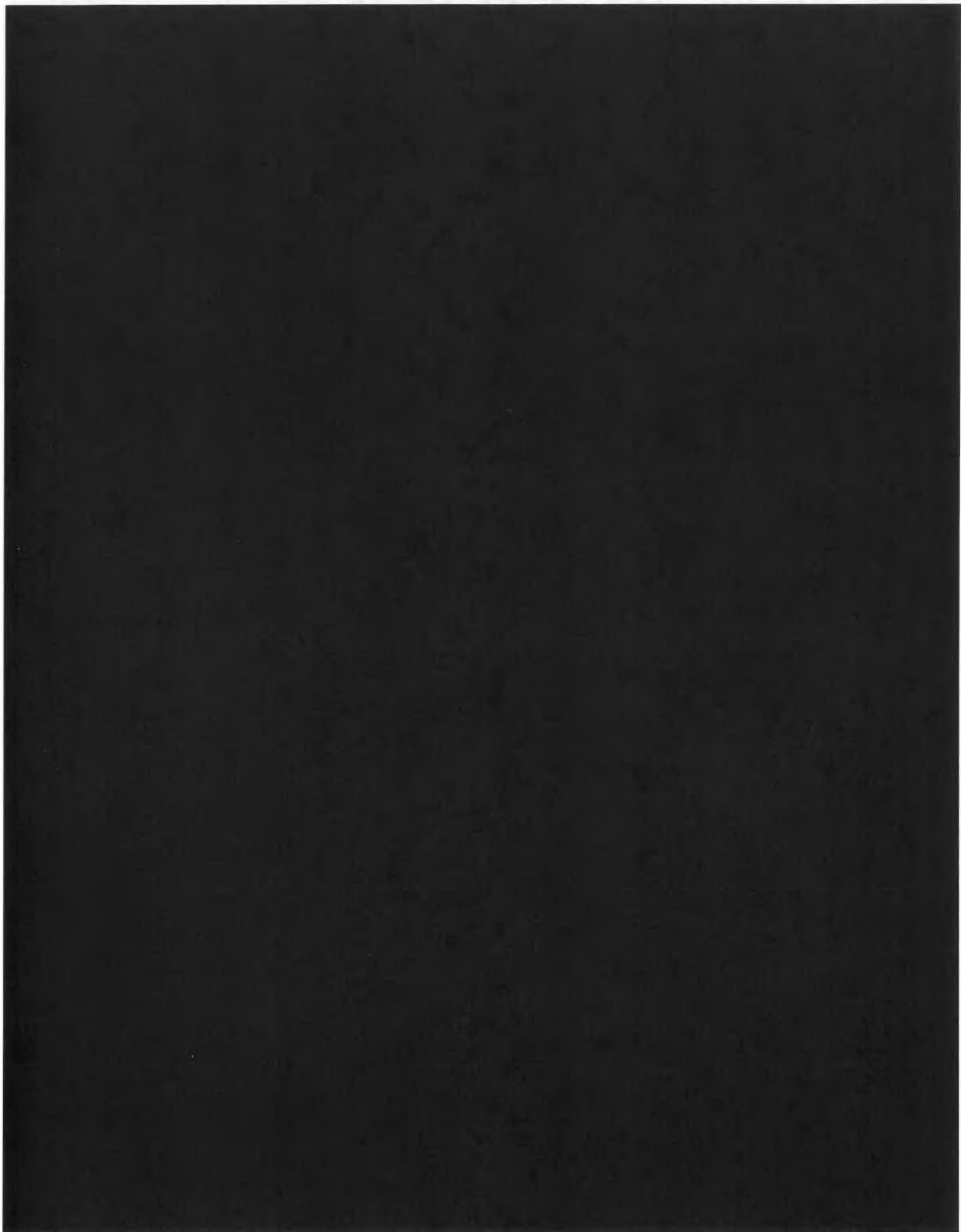


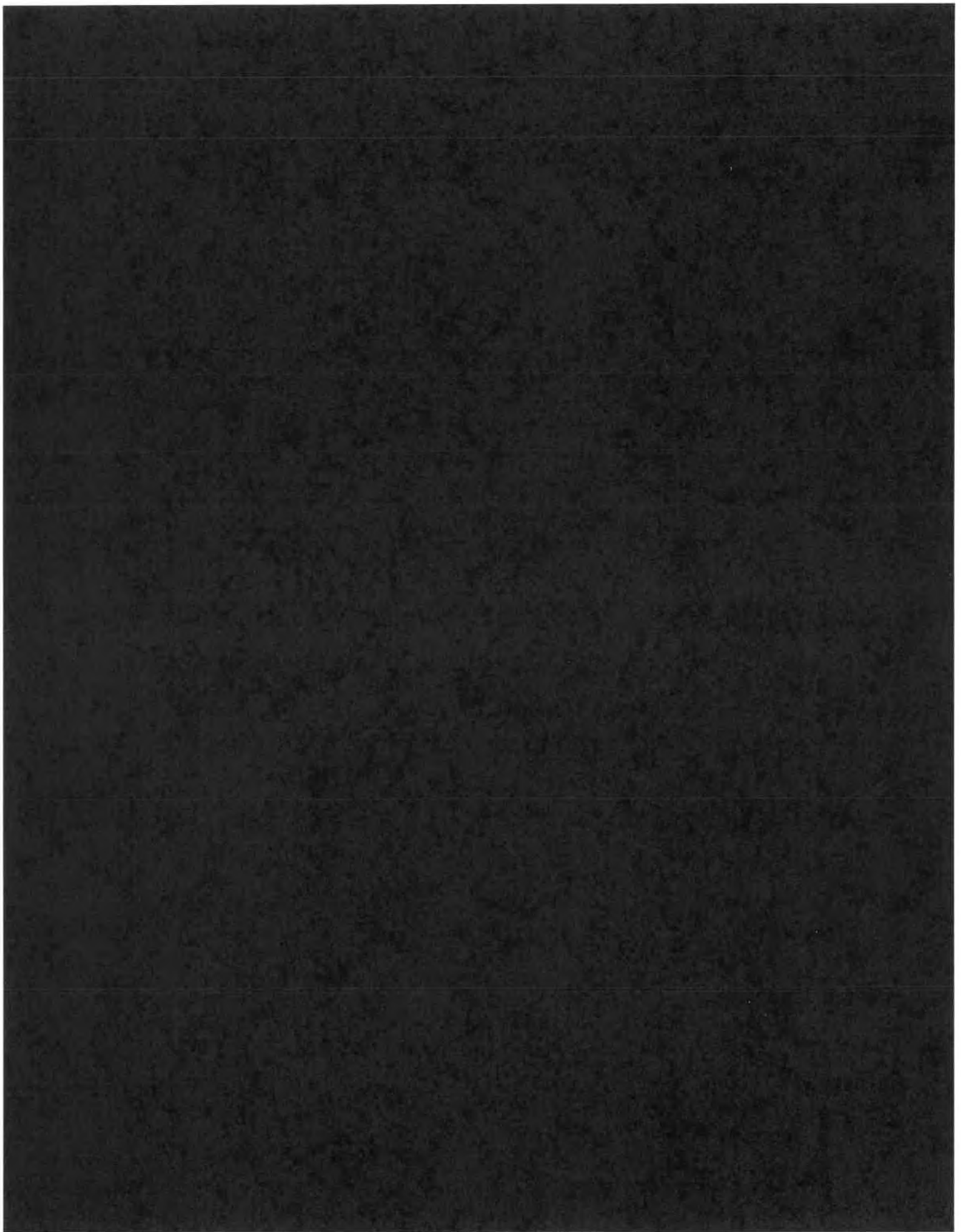




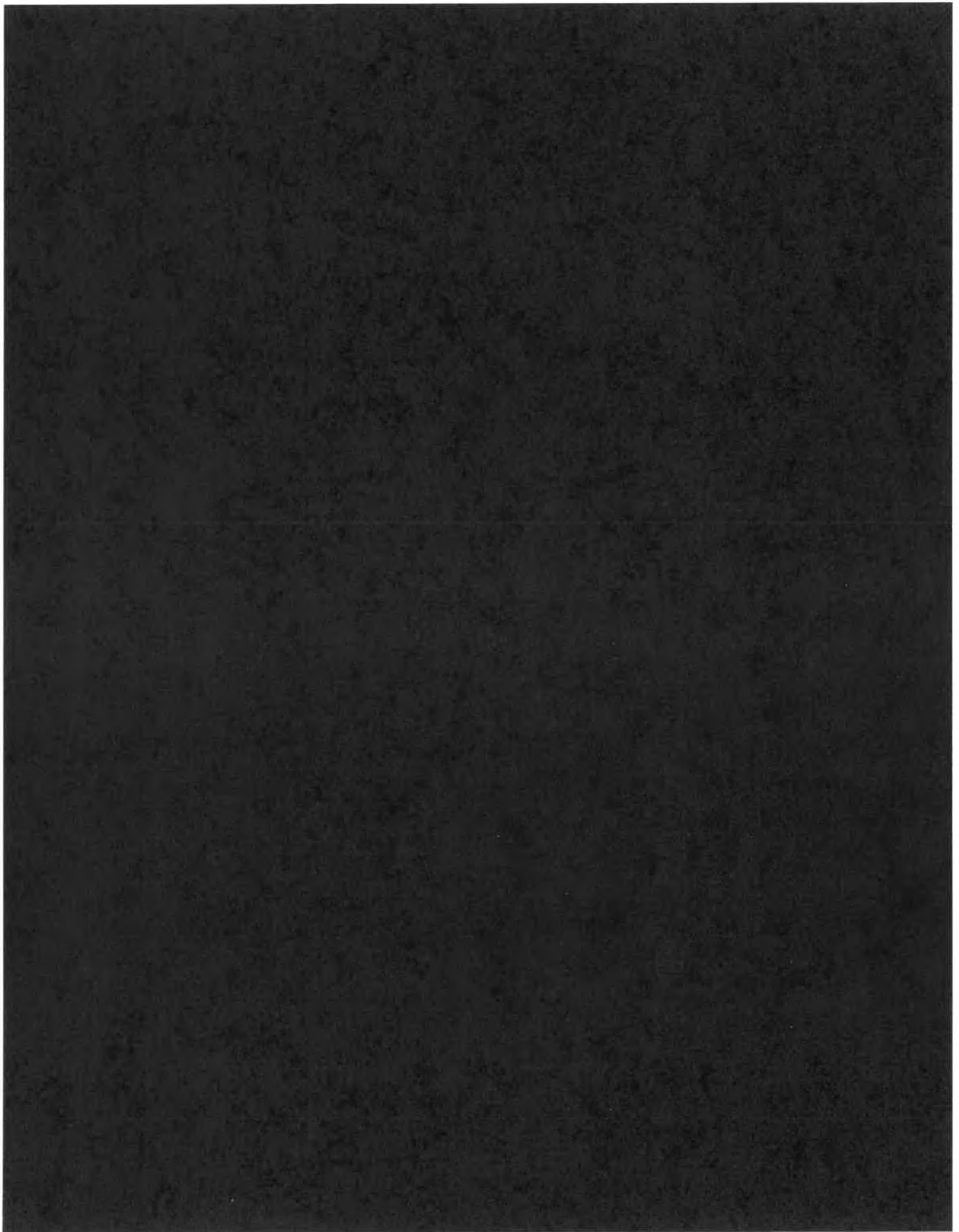


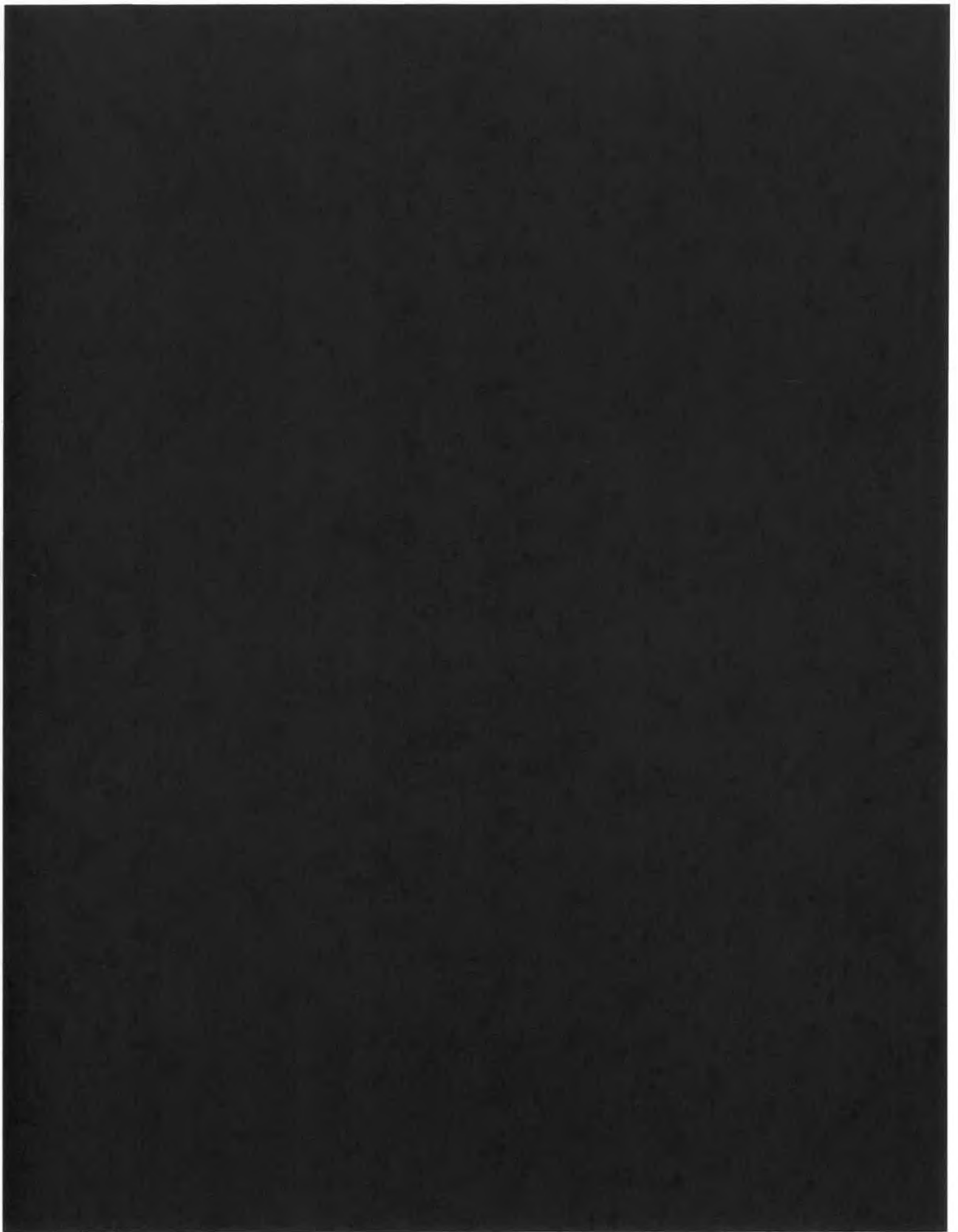


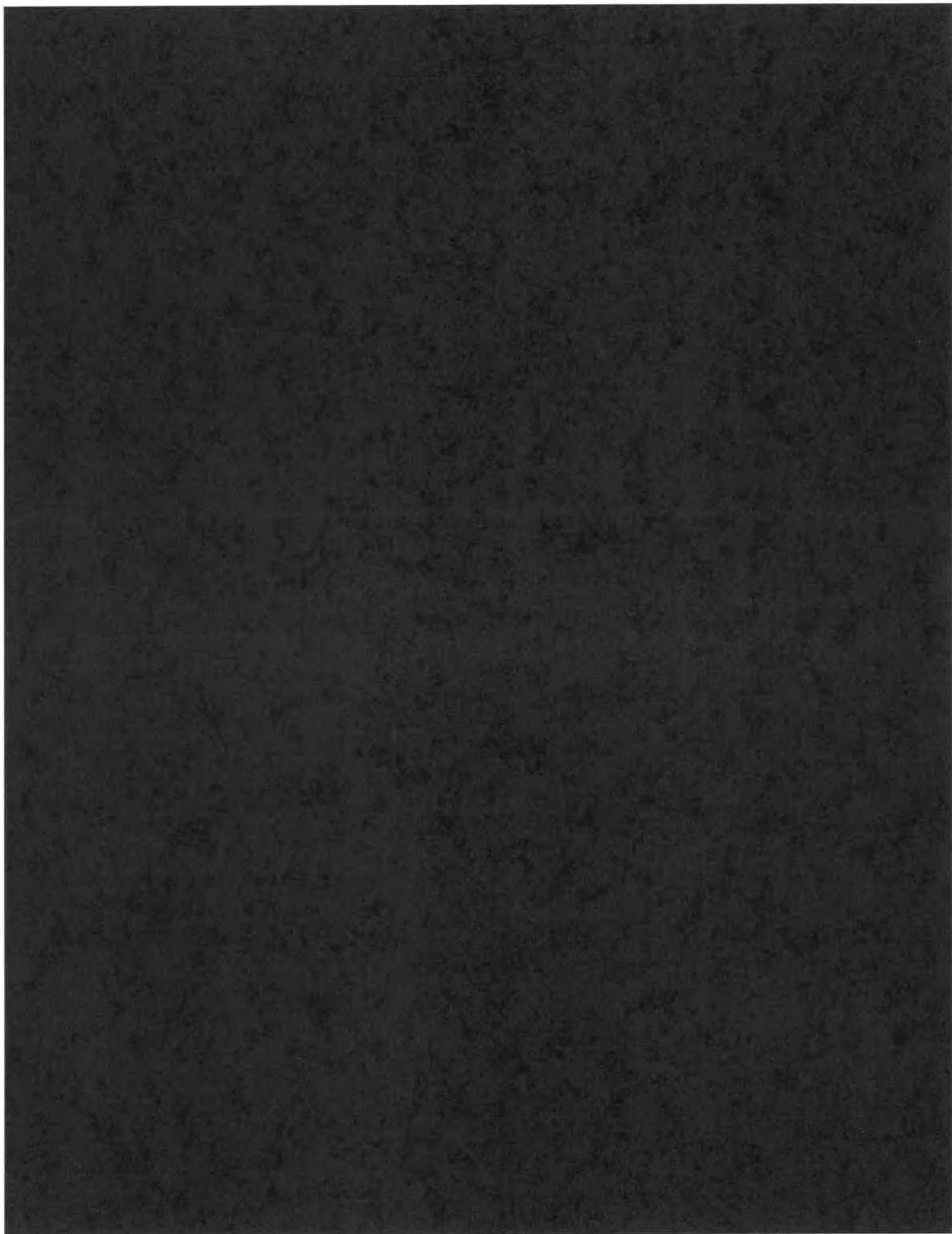


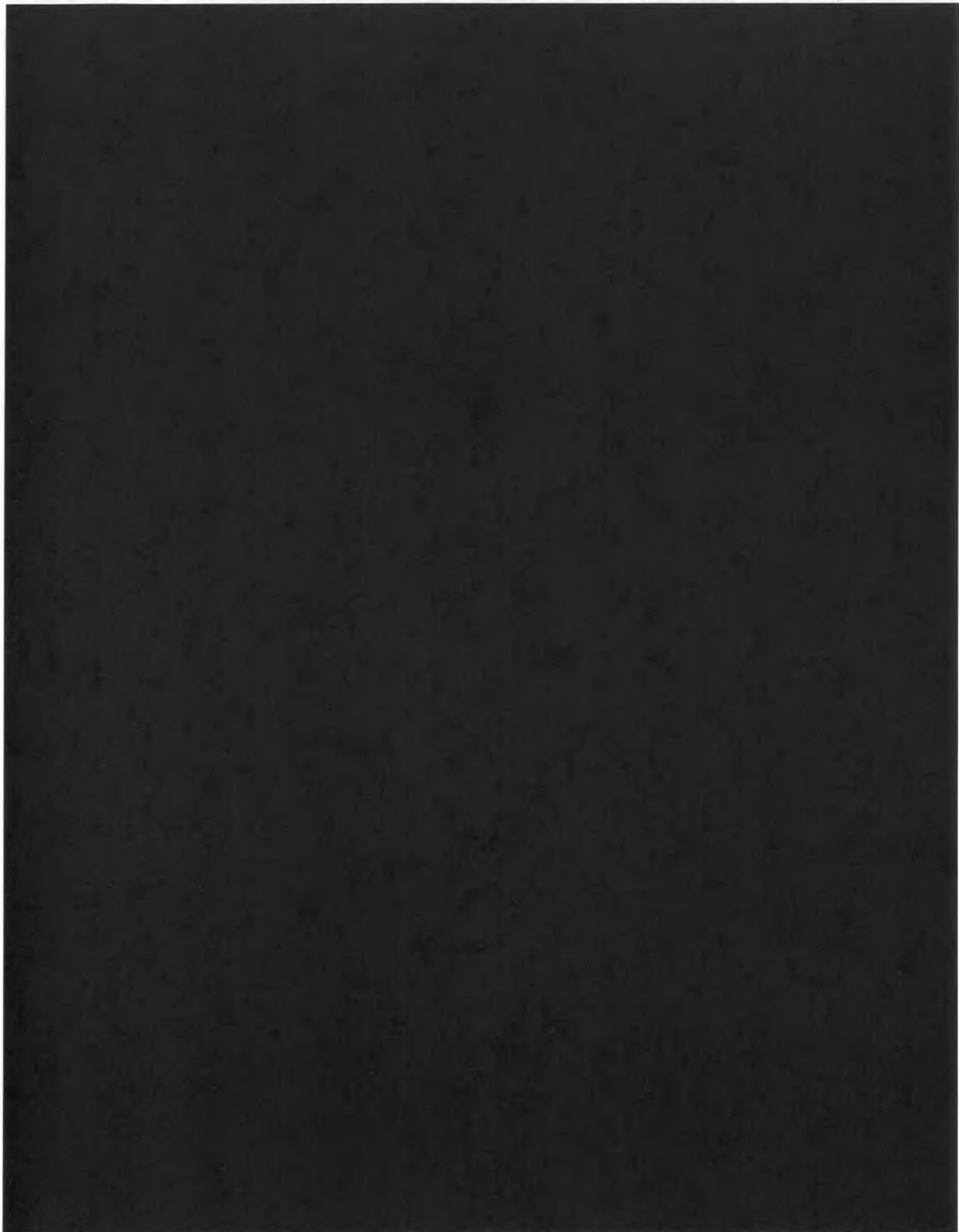


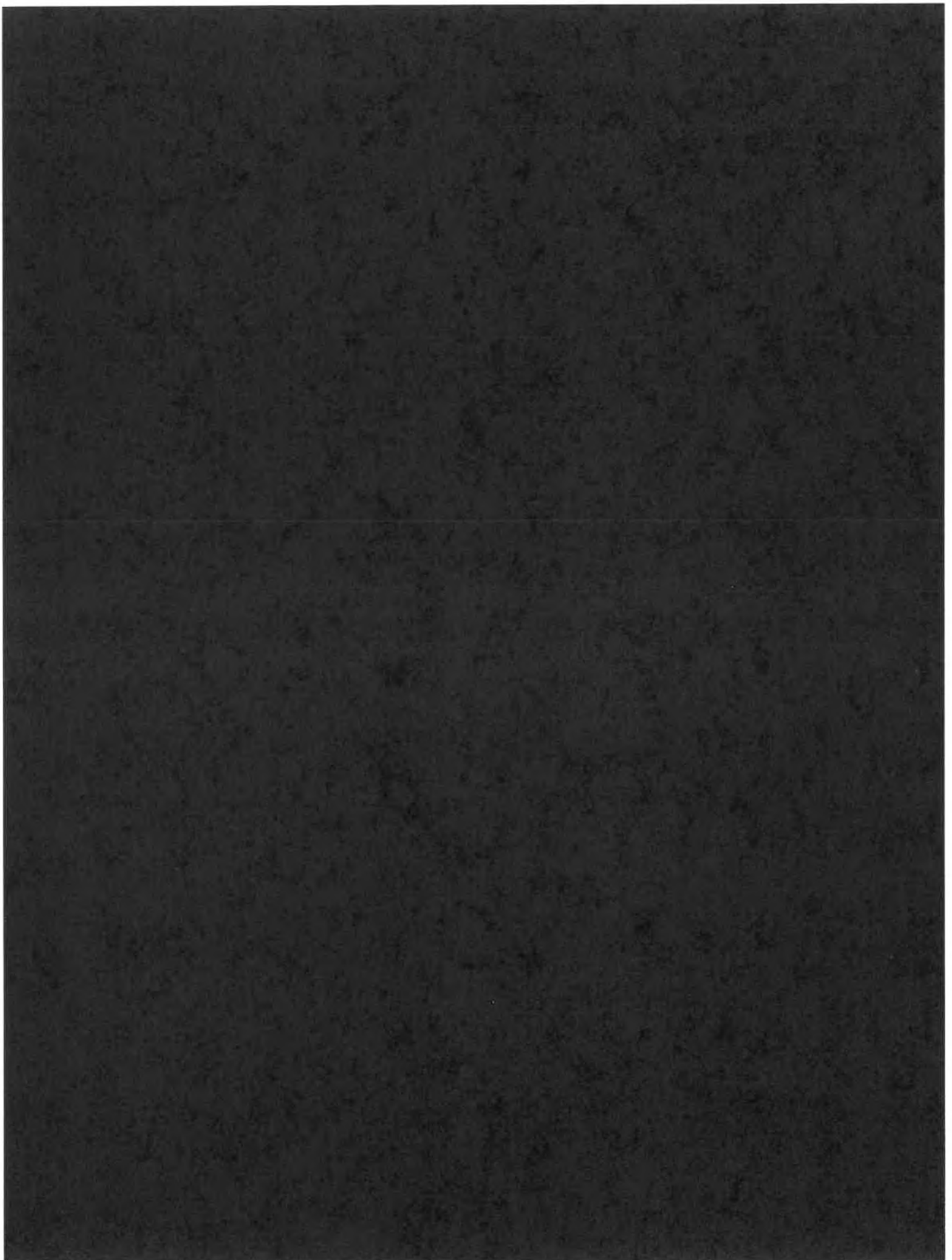




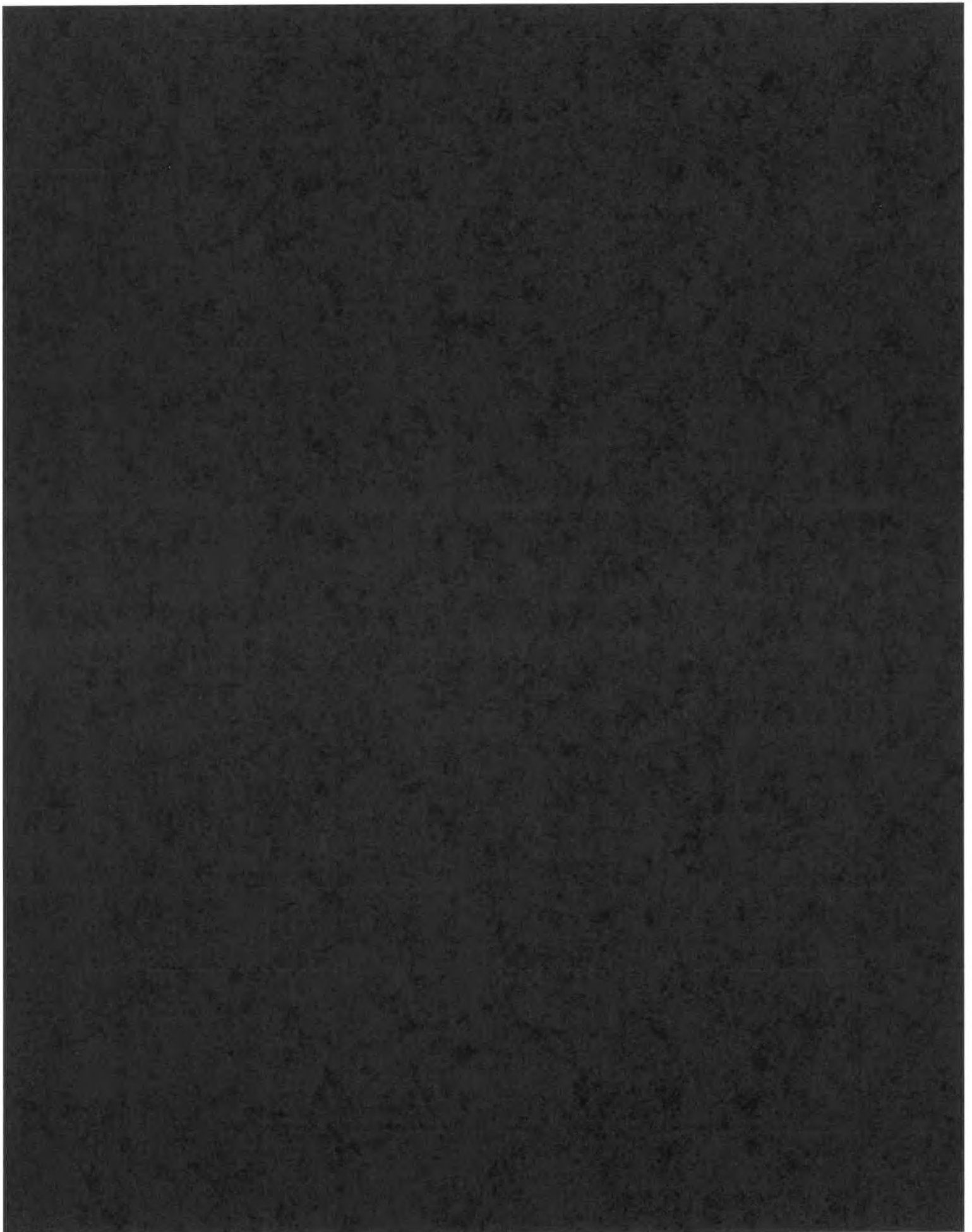


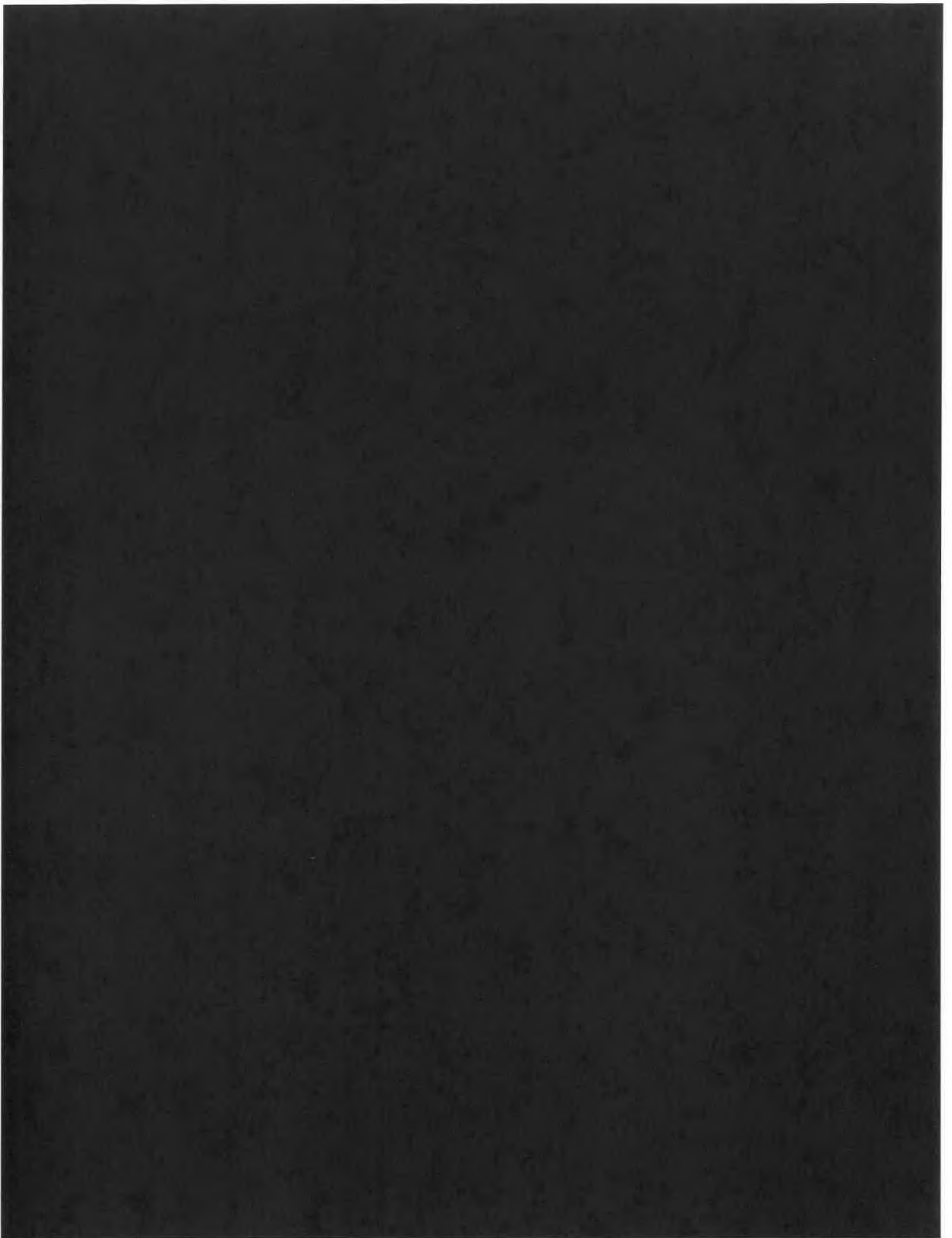












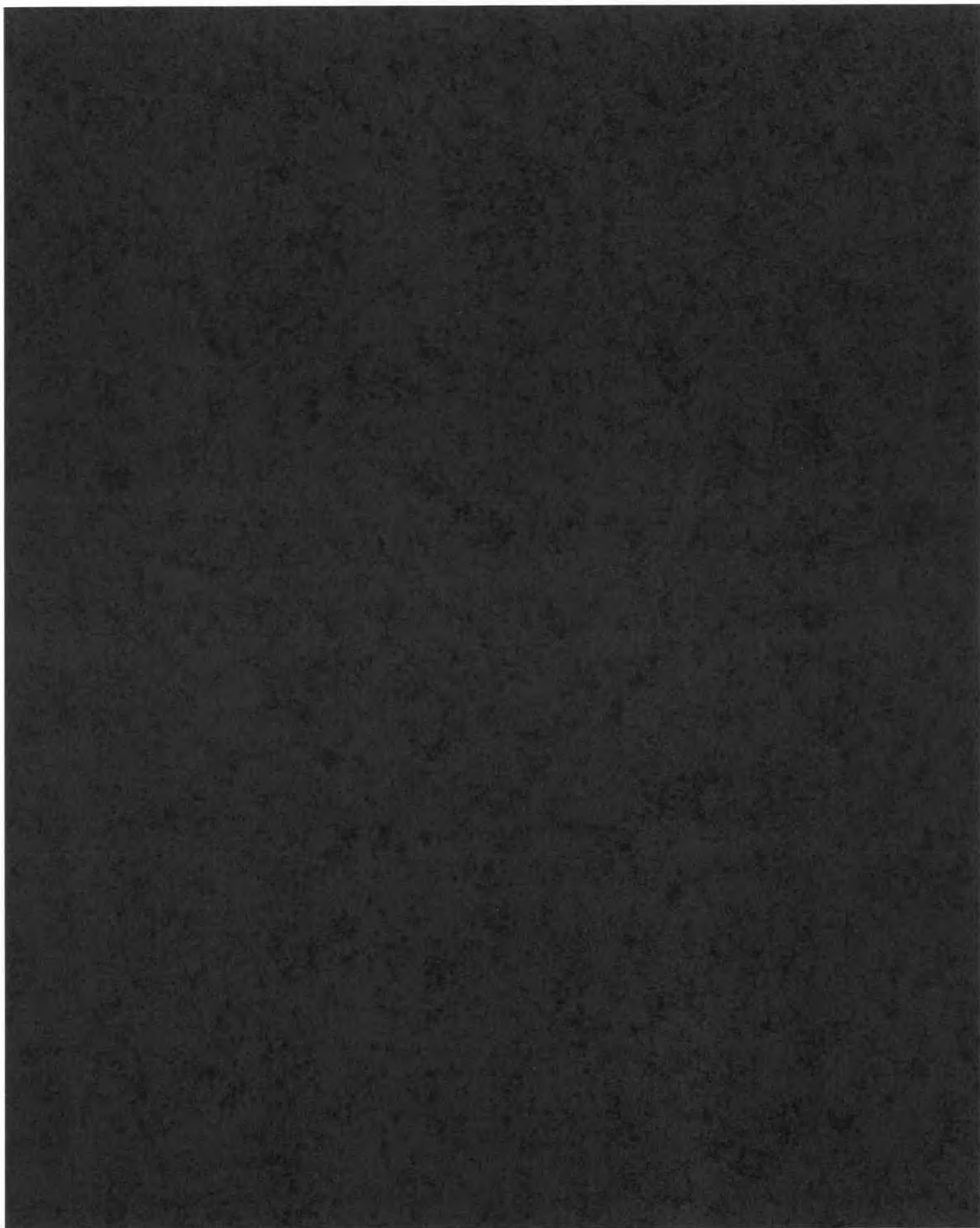


Exhibit C – Price Schedule in Support of Section 10

TITLE SHEET

DCB Dark Fiber, LLC

This price schedule contains the description, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of dedicated interexchange and local exchange services and facilities for telecommunications services offered by DCB Dark Fiber, LLC with principal offices at 1040 Crowne Pointe Parkway, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia 30338. This price list applies for services furnished within the state of Florida. This price list is on file with the Florida Public Service Commission, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business.

Issued: April __, 2026

Effective: _____

By:

Alan Poole
1040 Crowne Pointe Parkway, Suite 800
Atlanta, GA 30338

CHECK SHEET

The sheets of this price schedule are effective as of the date shown. The original and revised sheets named below contain all changes from the original price schedule and are in effect on the date shown.

<u>Sheet</u>	<u>Revision</u>	<u>Sheet</u>	<u>Revision</u>
1	Original	26	Original
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3	Original	28	Original
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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

Changes to this price schedule shall be identified on the revised page(s) through the use of symbols. The following are the only symbols used for the purposes indicated below:

- (C) To signify a changed regulation.
- (D) To signify discontinued rate or regulation.
- (I) To signify a rate increase.
- (M) To signify matter relocated without change.
- (N) To signify new rate or regulation.
- (R) To signify reduction.
- (T) To signify change in text but no change in rate or regulation.

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SECTION 1 - TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Commission

Florida Public Service Commission.

Company

DCB Dark Fiber, LLC, the issuer of this price schedule.

Individual Case Basis (ICB)

A service arrangement in which the regulation of rates, terms, conditions and charges are developed based on the specific circumstances of the case.

Interexchange Private Line Service

Offers circuits that are specifically dedicated to Customer's use between two (2) points within two (2) different local exchanges specified by the Company and Customer in a Service Order.

LATA

A Local Access and Transport Area established pursuant to the Modification of Final Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATIONS, Inc. Price schedule F.C.C. No. 4.

Local Private Line Service

Offers circuits that are specifically dedicated to Customer's use between two (2) points within the same local exchange specified by the Company and Customer in a Service Order.

Multiplexing

The act of combining a number of individual message circuits for transmission over a common transmission path.

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SECTION 1 - TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (Cont'd)**Multiplexing Hub**

A Company designated central office at which the multiplexing functions are to channelize analog or digital facilities to individual services requiring a lower capacity or bandwidth.

Network

Refers to the Company's facilities, equipment, and services offered under this Price schedule.

Service Commencement Date

The first date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the Customer's refusal to accept service that does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or this price schedule, in which case the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The Company and the Customer may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date. If the Company does not have an executed Service Order from a Customer, the Service Commencement Date will be the first date on which the service or facility was used by a Customer.

Service Order

The written request for dedicated services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligation of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this price schedule, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date. Should a Customer use the Company's dedicated service without an executed Service Order, the Company will then request the Customer to submit a Service Order.

User

A Customer, joint user, or any other person authorized by a Customer to use service offered under this price schedule.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Application of Price Schedule

- 2.1.1 This price schedule contains the regulations and rates applicable to dedicated telecommunications services offered by the Company to business customers only. The services described in this price schedule are not offered to residential customers.

This price schedule applies only to the extent that services offered hereunder are used by a Customer for the purpose of originating, terminating, or completing intrastate communications between points within the State of Florida and the Customer has not entered into an agreement with the Company regulating the ICB rates, terms, conditions and charges. A communication is "intrastate" only if all points of origination and termination are located within the State.

2.2 Scope

The Company undertakes to furnish dedicated services in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Price schedule except where the Company has entered into an agreement with a Customer regulating the ICB rates, terms, conditions and charges. The provision of service under this price schedule shall not create a partnership or joint venture between the Company and Customer.

2.3 Shortage of Equipment and Facilities

All service is subject to the availability of suitable facilities and where the Company can secure acceptable arrangements with underlying suppliers (for resold or other leased services). The Company may deny service, limit the length of service, or discontinue furnishing services when necessary because of the lack of acceptable transmission medium capacity, the unavailability of equipment and facilities, or because of any causes beyond its control.

2.4 Terms and Conditions

- 2.4.1 Service is offered on the basis of a minimum period of at least one month, 24-hours per day. For the purpose of computing charges in this Price schedule, a month is considered to have 30 days.

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- 2.4.2 Services requested by a Customer under this price schedule shall be requested on service order forms (“Service Orders”) in effect from time to time that shall contain or reference this price schedule, the name of the Customer, a specific description of the service ordered and applicable bandwidth, the requested start date (“Requested Start Date”), the rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this Price schedule. Customers will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company to supplement the terms and conditions contained in this Price schedule.
- 2.4.3 The Company will make reasonable efforts to meet a Customer’s Requested Start Date. In the event that a Requested Start Date is altered, Customer’s Requested Start Date will be changed to reflect the number of days of delay or advance, as appropriate (the “Service Commencement Date”).
- 2.4.4 The Company’s standard service implementation interval for services offered on the Company’s owned and operated facilities is forty-five (45) days from acceptance of a Service Order by the Company’s Customer Care department. Such acceptance shall be indicated by the signature of a representative of such department on the Service Order. The standard service implementation interval for services offered by a third party and either partially or wholly off of the Company’s owned and operated network shall be determined on an ICB. The Company shall make reasonable efforts to offer services within its standard service implementation interval or on Customer’s Requested Start Date and shall not be liable to pay to the Customer any penalties or damages for Company’s failure to meet such standard service implementation intervals.
- 2.4.5 Services shall be deemed to begin on the date the Company issues notice that service is available(the “Service Commencement Date”), unless the Company receives written notice from the Customer within two (2) business days after the Company’s issuance of notice that service is available, stating that the service is in material non-compliance with applicable technical specifications.

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- 2.5.1 Except as otherwise stated in this Section, the liability of the Company for damages arising out of either: (1) the furnishing of its services, including, but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors, or other defects, representatives, or use of these services or (2) the failure to furnish its service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of Outage Credits to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.15 of this Price schedule.
- 2.5.2 Except for the extension of Outage Credits to the Customer for interruptions in service, the Company shall not be liable to a Customer or third party for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, reliance, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages, including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including but not limited to any act or omission, failure to perform, delay, interruption, failure to offer any service, or any failure or breakdown of facilities associated with the service.
- 2.5.3 The Company shall not be liable for any claims for loss or damages involving:
- A. Any act or omission of: (a) the Customer; (b) any other entity furnishing service, equipment, or facilities for use in conjunction with services or facilities for use in conjunction with services or facilities offered by the Company; or (c) common carriers or warehousemen;
 - B. Any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond the Company's control, including but not limited to, acts of God, fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other catastrophes; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars, or other civil disturbances; strikes, lockouts, work stoppages, or other labor difficulties; criminal actions taken against the Company; unavailability, failure, or malfunction of equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or third parties; and any law, order, regulation, or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof;
 - C. Any unlawful or unauthorized use of the Company's facilities and services;
 - D. Libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the transmission of communications by means of Company-provided facilities or services; or by means of the combination of Company-provided facilities or services with Customer-provided facilities or services;

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- E. Breach in the privacy or security of communications transmitted over the Company’s facilities;
- F. Changes in any of the facilities, operations or procedures of the Company that render any equipment, facilities or services provided by the Customer obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment, facilities or services, or otherwise affect their use or performance, except where reasonable notice is required by the Company and is not provided to the Customer, in which event the Company’s liability is limited as set forth in this Price schedule.
- G. Defacement of or damage to Customer premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such premises or the installation or removal thereof;
- H. Injury to property or injury or death to persons, including claims for payments made under Workers’ Compensation law or under any plan for employee disability or death benefits, arising out of, or caused by, any act or omission of the Customer, or the construction, installation, maintenance, presence, use or removal of the Customer’s facilities or equipment connected, or to be connected to the Company’s facilities;

2.5.4 The Company and the Customer shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other against and from any and all claims for property damage, physical personal injury or wrongful death to the extent that such arises out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the respective indemnifying party, its employees, agents, or contractors in connection with the provision or use of service or other performance.

2.5.5 THE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN. THE OUTAGE CREDITS REMEDY SET FORTH IN SECTION 2.15 IS THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY PROVIDED TO CUSTOMER AND IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER REMEDIES.

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2.5.6 Customers shall make all arrangements with copyright holders, music licensing organizations, performers' representatives or other parties for necessary authorizations, clearances or consents with respect to transmission contents ("Consents"). Customers shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company and Providers (as defined below) against and from any court, administrative or agency action, suit or similar proceeding, whether civil or criminal, private or public, brought against Providers arising out of or related to the contents transmitted hereunder (over Company's network or otherwise) including, but not limited to, claims, actual or alleged, relating to any violation of copyright law, export control laws, failure to procure Consents, failure to meet governmental or other technical broadcast standards, or that such transmission contents are libelous, slanderous, an invasion of privacy, pornographic, or otherwise unauthorized or illegal. Providers shall be defined to include the Company, any third party or affiliated provider, operator or maintenance/repair contractor of facilities employed in connection with the provision of services under this price schedule. The Company may terminate or restrict any transmissions over the network if, in its judgment, (a) such actions are reasonably appropriate to avoid violation of applicable law; or (b) there is a reasonable risk that criminal, civil or administrative proceedings or investigations based upon the transmission contents shall be instituted against Providers. Customer agrees not to use services for any unlawful purpose, including without limitation any use that constitutes or may constitute a violation of any local, state or federal obscenity law.

2.6 Testing and Adjusting

Upon reasonable notice, the Company may make such tests, adjustments, and inspections as may be necessary to maintain the Company's facilities in satisfactory operating condition. No interruption allowance will be credited to the Customer for the period during which the Company makes such test, adjustments, or inspections.

2.7 Provision of Equipment and Facilities

2.7.1 The Customer has sole responsibility for installation, testing and operation of facilities, services and equipment ("Customer Facilities") other than those specifically provided by the Company as part of the services described in a Service Order. In no event will the untimely installation or non-operation of Customer Facilities relieve Customer of its obligation to pay charges for service after the Service Commencement Date.

2.7.2 Any equipment provided by the Customer must be itemized on a schedule listing all such Customer-provided equipment and appended to the Service Order to which use of that equipment relates ("Customer Equipment Inventory"). The Company shall not be obligated to provide service if the Customer will be providing any of its own equipment unless and until such equipment is itemized on the applicable Customer Equipment Inventory.

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2.7.3 Title to all facilities provided by the Company, its agents, contractors, or suppliers in accordance with this price schedule remains in the Company, its agents, contractors, or suppliers.

2.8 Special Construction

Subject to the arrangement of the Company and to all of the regulations contained in this Price schedule, special construction of facilities may be undertaken on a reasonable effort basis at the request of the Customer. Special construction charges will be determined as described herein on an ICB. Special construction is that construction undertaken:

1. where facilities are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;
2. of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
3. over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
4. in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;
5. on an expedited basis;
6. where a change in service is made after the service has been installed;
7. on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
8. involving abnormal costs; or
9. in advance of its normal construction.

2.9 Prohibited Uses

2.9.1 The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any use that the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorization, licenses, consents, and permits.

2.9.2 The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offering for resale and/or for shared use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offering complies with relevant laws and regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.

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2.9.3 The Company may require a Customer to immediately shut down its transmission if such transmission is causing interference to others.

2.9.4 A Customer, joint user, or authorized user may not assign, or transfer in any manner, the service or any rights or obligations associated with the service without the written consent of the Company. Any such assignment or transfer of Customer's rights or obligations without such consent shall entitle the Company to terminate service, at its option, upon ten (10) days' prior written notice to Customer.

2.10 Customer Premises Provisions

2.10.1 The Customer shall provide the personnel, power, and space required to operate all facilities and associated equipment installed on the premises of the Customer.

2.10.2 The Customer shall be responsible for providing Company personnel access to premises of the Customer at any reasonable hour for the purpose of testing the facilities or equipment of the Company.

2.11 Liability of the Customer

2.11.1 The Customer will be liable for damages to the facilities of the Company and for all incidental and consequential damages caused by the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the Customer, its officers, employees, agents, invitees, or contractors where such acts or omissions are not the direct result of the Company's negligence or intentional misconduct.

2.11.2 To the extent caused by any negligent or intentional act of the Customer as described in Section 2.11.1, preceding, the Customer shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for (1) any loss, destruction or damage to property of any third party, and (2) the death of or injury to persons, including, but not limited to, employees or invitees of either party, and (3) any liability incurred by the Company to any third party pursuant to this or any other price schedule of the Company, or otherwise, for any interruption of, interference to, or other defect in any service provided by the Company to such third party.

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- A. Customer provided terminating equipment such as CSUs, multiplexers, and other terminating equipment may, at the Customer's request, be provided by the Customer, at the Customer's expense. Company makes no guarantees or warranties as to the performance of Customer provided equipment.
- B. In the event the Customer should desire to collocate Customer owned equipment in a facility owned (or leased) and operated by the Company for the purpose of interconnecting the Customer owned equipment with the Company's network, the Customer and Company shall enter into an ICB agreement specifying the terms and conditions relating to such collocation.

2.12.2 Inspections

The Company may, upon notification to the Customer, at a reasonable time, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the requirements regarding the equipment and interconnections are being complied with in respect to the installation, operation and maintenance of Customer-provided equipment and in the wiring of the connection of Customer channels to Company-owned facilities.

2.13 Customer Deposits**2.13.1 General**

- A. To safeguard its interests, the Company may, at any time prior to or after the Service Commencement Date, require a Customer to post a deposit or irrevocable letter of credit, at the Company's option, to secure the Customer's payment for the term of the service requested.
- B. When a service is discontinued, the amount of a deposit, if any, will be applied to the Customer's account and any credit balance will be refunded. Before the service is discontinued, the Company may, at its option, return the deposit or credit it to the Customer's account. If the amount of the deposit is insufficient to cover the balance due to the Customer's account, the Company retains the right to collect any amounts owing after the deposit has been applied plus any costs related to the collection of any remaining balance. Interest will not accrue on any Company-held deposits.

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Should a Customer fail to post a deposit or letter of credit as may be required by the Company within fifteen (15) days of the Company's notice of such a requirement, or should the Customer fail to abide by the terms of any letter of credit or deposit agreement, the Company may deny service prior to the Requested Service Date or terminate service after the Service Commencement Date upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Customer.

2.14 Payment Arrangements**2.14.1 Payment for Service**

The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for facilities and services furnished by the Company to the Customer.

A. Taxes

The Customer is responsible for payment of any sales, use, gross receipts, excise, access or other local, state and federal taxes, charges, fees, or surcharges (however designated) (excluding taxes on the Company's net income) imposed on or based upon the provision, sale or use of the Company's services by Customer.

B. Universal Service Contributions

The Company shall recover from the Customer any contributions the Company is required to make as a result of the service provided to the Customer to any state or federal fund established to further universal access, telecommunications relay services, local number portability or similar government sanctioned funding mechanisms. In the event that any of the service provided to the Customer is exempt from such contribution requirements, the Customer shall provide, in a manner requested by the Company, documentation evidencing such exemption.

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The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges incurred by the Customer or other users for services and facilities furnished to the Customer by the Company.

- A. Except as otherwise stated in a Service Order, non-recurring charges are billed following receipt of the service by the Customer and are due and payable within thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice (“Due Date”).
- B. The Company shall present invoices for Recurring Charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided, and Recurring Charges shall be due and payable with thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice (“Due Date”). When billing is based upon Customer usage, usage charges will be billed monthly for the preceding billing period.
- C. When service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end on the last day of the month, the charge for the fraction of the month in which service was furnished will be calculated on a pro rata basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have thirty (30) days. Prorated charges are billed following receipt of service and are due and payable within thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice (“Due Date”).
- D. Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date, which is the day on which the Company notifies the Customer that the service or facility is available for use.
- E. The Company may make billing adjustments for a period of two (2) years after the Due Date of an invoice, or two (2) years after the date a service is rendered, whichever is later.

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F. If any portion of the payment is received by the Company after the Due Date, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds that are not immediately available upon presentment, then a late payment penalty shall be due to the Company. The late payment penalty shall be the portion of the payment not received by the date due, multiplied by a late factor. The late factor shall be the lesser of:

- 1) a rate of 1.5 percent per month; or
- 2) the highest interest rate that may be applied under State law for commercial transactions, which shall accrue from the Due Date.

2.14.3 Billing Disputes**A. General**

All bills are presumed accurate, and shall be binding on the Customer unless notice of the disputed charge(s) is received by the Company within 30 days of the Due Date. For the purposes of this Section, "notice" is defined as written notice to the Company, containing sufficient documentation to investigate the dispute, including the account number under which the bill has been rendered, the date of the bill, and the specific items on the bill being disputed. Such notice may be sent to the Company by writing to: DCB Dark Fiber, LLC, 1040 Crowne Pointe Parkway, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia 30338.

B. Late Payment Charge

- 1) The undisputed portions of the bill must be paid by the Due Date to avoid assessment of a late payment charge.
- 2) In the event that a billing dispute is resolved by the Company in favor of the Customer, any disputed amount withheld pending resolution of the billing dispute shall not be subject to the late payment charge, and the Customer shall receive an adjustment on its next bill.
- 3) In the event that a billing dispute is resolved in favor of the Company, the Customer shall pay the late payment charge.

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If notice of the disputed charge(s) is received by the Company within thirty (30) days of the Due Date, the Customer may take the following course of action.

- 1) First, the Customer may request and the Company will provide an in-depth review of the disputed amount.
- 2) Second, if after investigation and review by the Company, a disagreement remains as to the disputed amount, the Customer may file an appropriate complaint with:

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6500
Telephone: (850) 413-6100
Toll-free (within Florida): (800) 342-3592

2.14.4 Suspension of Service for Cause

- A. In the event payment in full is not received from Customer on or before thirty (30) days following the date of the invoice, the Company may suspend all or any portion of service to the Customer. The Company shall exercise this suspension by providing Customer with a minimum of ten (10) days' written notice specifying the past due amount and the services to be suspended. If Company receives the entire past due amount within the ten (10) day notice period, then Customer's service will not be suspended.
- B. If only a portion of the service is initially suspended pursuant to the Company's written notice, and Customer fails to pay the specified past due amount within an additional ten (10) days after the partial suspension of service, then after the additional ten (10) day period, Company may suspend all or any additional portion of the service, with no additional written notice. Further, after the additional ten (10) day period, Company may continue suspension until such time as Customer has paid in full all charges then due, including any late fees as specified herein. Following such payment, Company shall reinstate Customer's services, subject to the Company's right to require the Customer to post a deposit or irrevocable letter of credit as specified in Section 2.13 of this price schedule.
- C. Upon violation of any of the other material terms or conditions for furnishing service the Company may, by giving thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to the Customer, discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability if such violation continues during that period.

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- D. In the event of fraudulent use of the Company's network, the Company may without notice suspend or discontinue service. The Customer will be liable for all related costs. The Customer will also be responsible for payment of any reconnection charges.
- E. Upon any governmental prohibition or required alteration of the services to be provided or any violation of an applicable law or regulation, the Company may immediately discontinue service without incurring any liability.
- F. Upon the Company's discontinuance of service to the Customer under this Section, the Company, in addition to all other remedies that may be available to the Company at law or in equity or under any other provision of this price schedule, may declare all future monthly and other charges that would have been payable by the Customer during the remainder of the term for which such services would have otherwise been provided to the Customer to be immediately due and payable (discounted to present value at six (6) percent).
- G. Except for suspension of service pursuant to Section 2.14.4(E), preceding, suspension of service shall not affect the Customer's obligation to pay for the service.

2.14.5 Ancillary Services and Charges

Any ancillary services and charges not described in this Section will be considered special requests and will be handled on an ICB.

A. Order Change Charge – Change of Service Date

If a Customer desires to change the date on which Customer has requested that service be available, other than a request to expedite service pursuant to Section 2.8.5, such change shall be subject to Company's acceptance at Company sole discretion. Such acceptance by Company may be conditioned upon Customer's payment of an Order Change Charge. Customer will also be charged for any charges incurred by the Company from third party providers as a result of Customer's request for change of service date.

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If a Customer requests a change to the information contained in a Service Order (other than a change of service date) prior to completion of installation of the Service, Customer may incur an Order Change Charge. No Order Change Charge will be incurred, however, if such requested change is administrative in nature (i.e., billing address, contact information, etc.).

C. Cancellation of Service Order

Customer may cancel a Service Order if Company receives the request in writing at least five days prior to the planned installation date. In such case, Company shall have the right to assess a Cancellation Charge equal to fifty percent (50%) of the monthly recurring charges for the cancelled Service plus the greater of any non-recurring costs and waived installation costs or costs reasonably incurred by Company in preparing to provide the Services. If the request to cancel is received less than five days prior to the planned installation date, Customer must pay the early charges set forth in Section 2.16.

2.15 Outage Credits for Interruptions in Service**2.15.1 General**

- A. An Outage Credit will be given when service is interrupted in a duration equal to or greater than six (6) hours.
- B. An interruption period begins upon the earlier of the Company's actual knowledge of the interruption or the Company's receipt of notice from the Customer of the interruption. An interruption period ends when the service, facility or circuit is operative.
- C. A Customer shall be entitled to an Outage Credit upon the Company's receipt of the Customer's written request for such Outage Credit.
- D. The Outage Credit shall be in the amount of 1/720 of the monthly recurring charge for the service for each hour in excess of the first six (6) hours that the service is interrupted.

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- E. All Outage Credits shall be credited on the Customer's next monthly invoice for the affected service.
- F. The Outage Credit as set forth in this Section shall be the sole and exclusive remedy of a Customer in the event of any interruption.

2.15.2 Limitations of Outage Credits

No Outage Credit will be made for any interruption in service that is:

- A. Of a duration of less than six (6) hours;
- B. Caused by the Customer or others authorized by the Customer to use the service;
- C. Due to scheduled maintenance where the Customer has been notified of the scheduled maintenance in advance;
- D. Caused by an interruption or failure on another carrier's network connected to the service of the Company;
- E. Due to the failure of power, facilities, equipment, systems, connections, or services not provided by the Company;
- F. Due to circumstances or causes beyond the control of the Company; or
- G. During any period in which the Company is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purposes of investigating and correcting interruptions.

2.16 Cancellation of Service

Once the Service Commencement Date has passed and the Customer has accepted the service, the Customer must pay for the service as indicated on the Service Order through the term indicated on such Service Order, regardless of whether the Customer is actually using the service, provided that upon thirty (30) day's prior written notice, either the Customer or the Company may, without any cancellation of service liability, cancel the affected portion of any service if the Company is prohibited by governmental authority from furnishing, or the Customer is prohibited from using such portion, or if any material rate or term contained in this price schedule and relevant to the affected portion of any service is substantially changed by order of the Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the highest court of competent jurisdiction to adjudicate the matter, or other local, state or federal government authority.

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- A. Unauthorized use of the Network and/or Services occurs when: (1) a person or entity that does not have actual, apparent, or implied authority to use the Network or services, obtains the Company's services offered under this Price schedule; or (2) a person or entity that otherwise has actual, apparent, or implied authority to use the Network or services, makes fraudulent use of the Network to obtain the Company's services offered under this Price schedule, or uses specific services that are not authorized.
- B. The following activities constitute fraudulent use:
- 1) Using the Network or services to transmit a message, locate a person, or otherwise give or obtain information, without payment for the service;
 - 2) Using or attempting to use the Network or services with the intent to avoid payment, either in whole or in part, of any of the Company's price scheduled charges by either rearranging, tampering with, or making connections not authorized by this Price schedule to any service components used to furnish the Company's services or using fraudulent means or devices, tricks, schemes, false or invalid number, false credit devices or electronic devices;
 - 3) Using fraudulent means or devices, tricks, schemes, false or invalid numbers, false credit devices, or electronic devices to defraud or mislead callers.
- C. Customers are advised that use of telecommunications equipment and services, including that provided under this Price schedule, carries a risk of various forms of telecommunications fraud (including, but not limited to, toll and PBX fraud perpetrated by Users who gain access to a Customer's facilities, account numbers, security or authorization codes, etc.). Customers should take all necessary steps to restrict access to their facilities, including the equipment and services offered hereunder, and to detect and prevent unauthorized use of the equipment and services offered by the Company under this Price schedule.

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- A. Except as provided for elsewhere in this Price schedule, the Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services provided under this Price schedule furnished to the Customer or User. This responsibility is not changed due to any use, misuse, or abuse of the Customer's service or Customer-provided equipment by Users or other third parties, the Customer's employees, or the public.
- B. The Customer is liable for all costs incurred as a result of unauthorized use of the Network and/or services, including service charges and any direct, indirect, special, incidental, reliance, consequential, exemplary, or punitive charges.
- C. The Customer is responsible for payment of any charges related to the suspension and/or termination of service, and any charges for reconnection of service, incurred as a result of unauthorized use of the Network and/or services.

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SECTION 3 – DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

3.1 General

The various types of service offered by the Company are described below. The Company's services are billed at predetermined monthly rates, unless there is a contract for a longer billing period. Recurring charges are billed in advance of the month in which the service is provided. Any optional features and extraordinary installation costs other than recurring and nonrecurring charges may apply as described herein. Customers requesting these services may subscribe to services on a month-to-month basis, or on an individual case basis as described in Section 3.6.

3.2 Service Configurations

There are two types of service configuration over which Company's services are offered: point-to-point and multipoint service.

3.2.1 Point-to-Point Service

Point-to-Point Service connects two premises designated by the Customer, either on a directly connected basis or through a hub where multiplexing functions are performed.

3.2.2 Multipoint Service

Multipoint Services connect three or more premises designated by the Customer through a Company hub. While there is no limitation on the number of locations that may be connected through multipoint service, the quality of service may be degraded when more than three points are connected. Multipoint services may be provided where it is technically possible to provide those services. However, if the Company determines that the requested multipoint service is not feasible, the Customer will be notified and provided an opportunity to change the order within forty-five (45) days.

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3.3 Service Descriptions and Technical Specifications

The Company plans to offer the following services:

3.3.1 50Mbps, 100Mbps through 1Gbps (in 100Mb increments) and 10Gbps Ethernet Service

The Company offers point-to-point Ethernet services provided between locations designated by the Customer and/or between such locations and a Company hub, through fiber optic cable owned or controlled by Company.

3.3.2 DS-1 through OC-192 Private Line service

The Company offers Private Line service designed to transport high bandwidth voice, data, and video applications that demand the full-time availability of a dedicated service. This service provides point-to-point or point to multi-point dedicated connections between two of your locations or local access to an inter-exchange carrier (IXC) point of presence (POP).

3.3.3 1 Gbps, 2.5 Gbps and 10 Gbps Wavelengths

The Company offers point-to-point Wavelength services provided between locations designated by the Customer and/or between such locations and a Company hub, through fiber optic cable owned or controlled by Company.

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3.4 Rate Categories

There are six rate categories that may apply to the Company's Services.

3.4.1 Channel Terminations

The Channel Termination Rate category provides for the communications path between two premises designated by a Customer. Included as part of the Channel Termination is a standard channel interface arrangement that defines the technical characteristics associated with the type of facilities to which the Company's service is to be connected, and the type of signaling capability (if any). One Channel Termination charge applies per Customer designated premises at which the service is terminated.

3.4.2 Channel Mileage

The Channel Mileage Rate category provides for the transmission facilities between two or more premises designated by a Customer.

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3.4.3 Extraordinary Charges

From time to time, Customers may request special services not addressed specifically by rate elements in this Price schedule, or services to locations that may cause Company to incur extraordinary expenses not contemplated in the provision of standard service offerings. These costs include, but are not limited to:

- Additional construction costs
- Building space rental or rights-of-way costs
- Additional equipment
- Special facilities routing

In these cases, the Customer will be billed additional charges on an ICB.

3.4.4 Volume Discounts

Where the Customer subscribes to substantial volumes of the Company’s services, discounts for specified dollar volumes of traffic to a specific location or aggregate dollar volumes may apply on an individual customer basis.

3.4.5 Term Discounts

Customers will be eligible for discounts for executing agreements for services for one to ten years.

3.5 Application of Rate Elements

The rates described in Section 4.4 of this Price schedule apply to the following services:

3.5.1 Point-to-Point Services

- Channel Terminations
- Channel Mileage
- Optional Features and Functions
- Extraordinary Charges
- Volume Discounts
- Term Discounts

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Channel Terminations
Channel Mileage
Optional Features and Functions
Extraordinary Charges
Volume Discounts
Term Discounts

3.6 Contract Rates – Special Pricing Arrangements – ICB

3.6.1 In lieu of the rates, terms and conditions set forth in this Price schedule, rates and charges may be established at negotiated rates on an ICB, taking into account the nature of the facilities and services, the costs of construction and operation, the volume of traffic, the length of service commitment by the Customer, and use of facilities by other Customers. Such arrangements shall be considered Special Pricing Arrangements, the term of which will be set forth in individual Customer contracts. Unless otherwise specified in the individual Customer contract, the terms, conditions, obligations and regulations set forth in this Price schedule shall not be incorporated into, and not become a part of, said contract, and shall not be binding on the Company and the Customer. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Price schedule and an individual Customer contract, the terms and conditions from the individual Customer contract shall apply.

3.6.2 In addition to any rate or charge established by the Company, the Customer will also be responsible for any recurring or non-recurring charges imposed by telephone companies incurred by or on behalf of the Customer in establishing and maintaining service. Such charges may be billed by the Company or directly by the telephone company, at the Company's option.

3.7 Taxes**3.7.1 Sales, Use and Excise Taxes**

In addition to all recurring, non-recurring, usage or special charges, Customer shall also be responsible for and shall pay all applicable federal, state and local sales, use and excise taxes.

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3.8 Temporary Promotional Programs

The Company may establish temporary promotional programs wherein it may waive or reduce recurring or non-recurring charges, to introduce a present or potential Customer to a service no previously subscribed to by the Customer.

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SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES

4.1 General Regulations

4.1.1 Except as specifically indicated, the rates set forth in this Section are for transport services where the originating and terminating points are on Company's existing network. In all other situations, special construction charges may apply in order to connect locations to Company's network.

4.1.2 Services may be offered using one, or a combination of rate elements as outlined in this Price schedule.

4.2 Charges for Changes to Pending Orders, Service Rearrangements and Expedite Charges

From time to time, Customers may request changes to pending orders, rearrangements to existing service, and order completion to standard intervals. In these cases, the Customer will be required to reimburse the Company for the increased expenses incurred on an ICB.

4.3 Special Construction

4.3.1 Bases for Rates and Charges

Rates and charges for special construction will be based on the costs incurred by the Company and may include (1) nonrecurring type charges; (2) recurring type charges; (3) termination liabilities; or (4) combinations thereof.

4.3.2 The costs referred to in Section 4.4.1 may include one or more of the following items to the extent that they are applicable:

A. Installed cost of the facilities, including estimated costs for the rearrangement of existing facilities. Cost installed includes the cost of:

1. equipment and materials provided or used,
2. engineering, labor and supervision,
3. transportation, and
4. rights-of-way;

B. cost of maintenance;

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- C. depreciation on the estimated installed cost of any facilities provided, based on the anticipated useful service life of the facilities with an appropriate allowance for the estimated net salvage;
- D. administration, taxes, and uncollectible revenue on the basis of reasonable average costs for these items;
- E. license preparation, processing, and related fees;
- F. price schedule preparation, processing, and related fees;
- G. any other identifiable costs related to the facilities provided; or
- H. an amount for return and contingencies.

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4.4 Rates

4.4.1 Ethernet Services

Bandwidth	Month to Month Basis		Individual Case Basis	
	MRC	NRC	MRC	NRC
50Mbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
100Mbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
200Mbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
300Mbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
400Mbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
500Mbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
600Mbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
700Mbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
800Mbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
900Mbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
1000Mbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
10Gbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB

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4.4.2 <u>Private Line Services</u>	<u>Month to Month Basis</u>		<u>Individual Case Basis</u>	
	<u>Bandwidth</u>	<u>MRC</u>	<u>NRC</u>	<u>MRC</u>
DS-1	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
DS-3	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
OC-3	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
OC-12	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
OC-48	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
OC-192	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB

4.4.3 <u>Wavelength Services</u>	<u>Bandwidth</u>	<u>MRC</u>	<u>NRC</u>	<u>MRC</u>	<u>NRC</u>
	1 Gbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
	2.5 Gbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB
	10 Gbps	ICB	ICB	ICB	ICB

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4.4.4 Service Elements

4.4.4.1 Nonrecurring Charges

	<u>Month to Month Basis</u>	<u>Individual Case Basis</u>
Administrative Charge:	ICB	ICB
Design and Central Office Connection Charge:	ICB	ICB
Customer Connection Charge:	ICB	ICB
Local Distribution Channel:	ICB	ICB
Channel Mileage Termination:	ICB	ICB
Channel Mileage:	ICB	ICB
Optional Features:		
Add/Drop Multiplexing:	ICB	ICB
Add/Drop Function:	ICB	ICB

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