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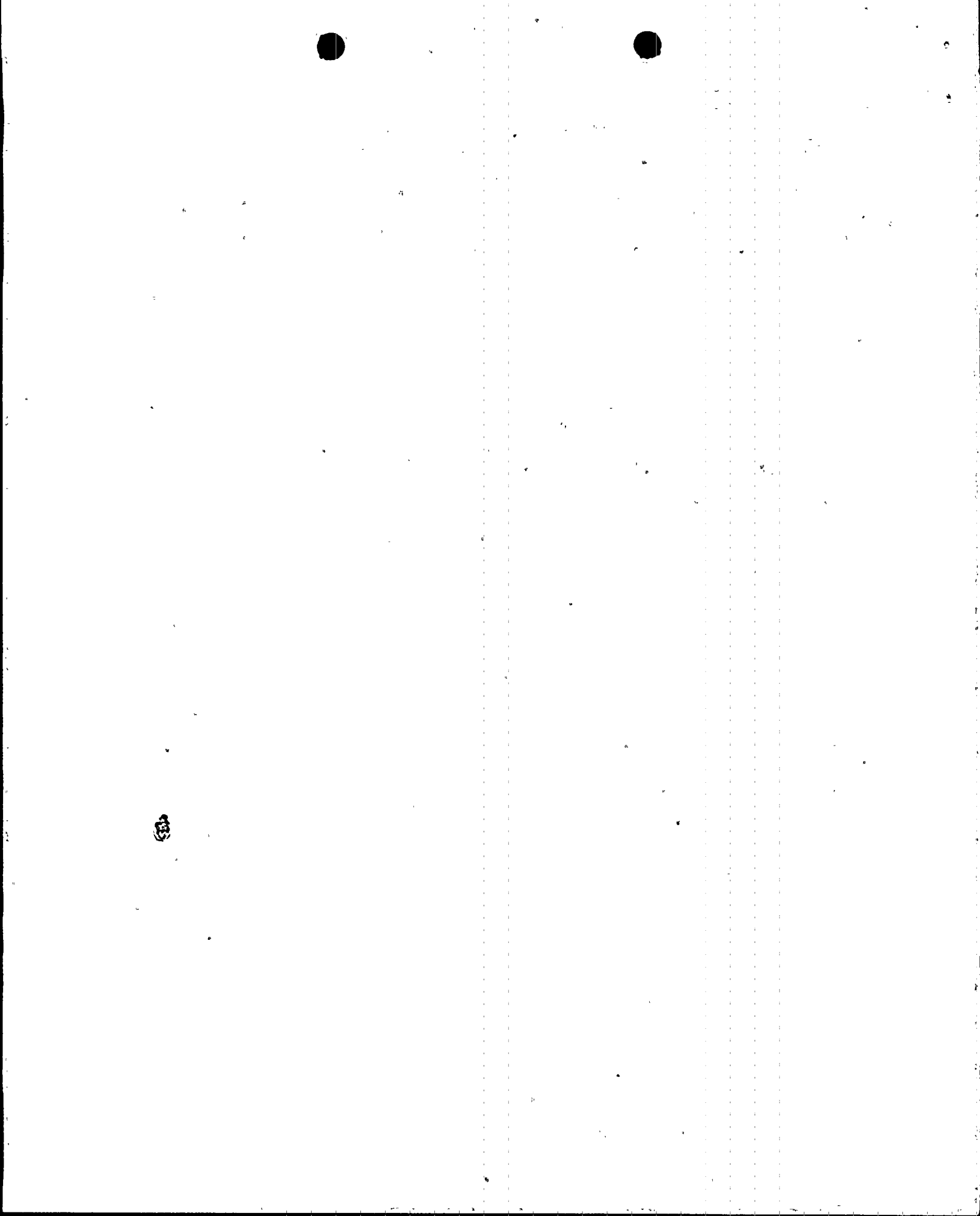
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**BROWNS FERRY NUCLEAR PLANT (BFN) - UNIT 2 CYCLE 9 - POWER
ASCENSION TEST PROGRAM (PATP) STARTUP REPORT**

This letter provides the BFN Unit 2 Cycle 9 Startup Report as required by BFN Technical Specification, Section 6.9.1.1, due to the installation of fuel with a different design (General Electric 11). The Unit 2 PATP refueling operations were performed during the period March 25, 1996, to April 29, 1996.

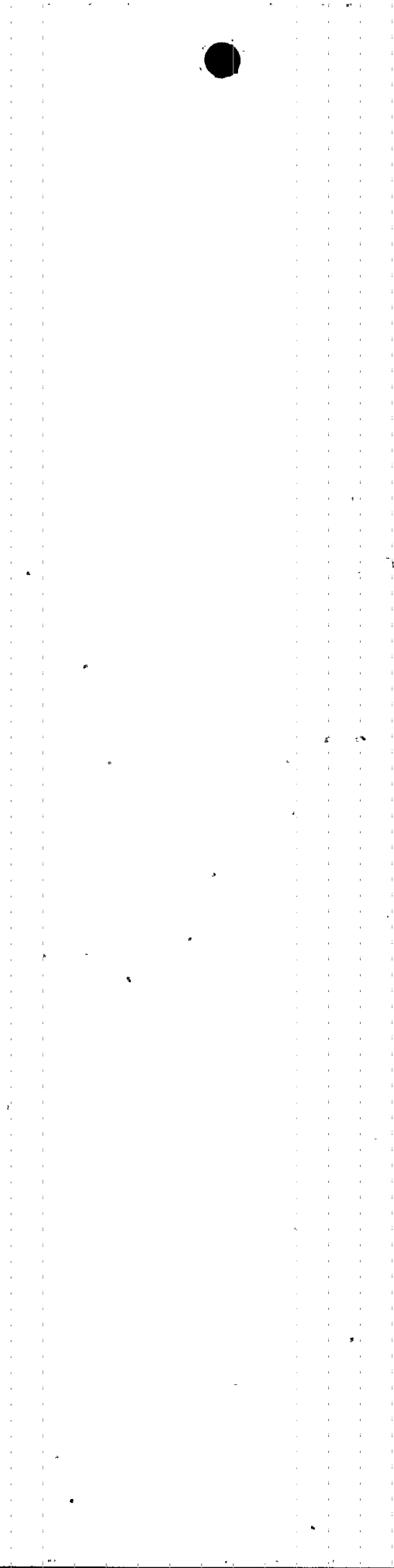
Testing has been satisfactorily completed as defined within the scope of the BFN Unit 2 PATP. Completed tests met performance criteria or had test deficiencies issued which were satisfactorily dispositioned.

Test results show that BFN Unit 2 systems are capable of meeting design functions. Further, power operation can be safely and efficiently continued. There are no known deficiencies that could be detrimental to continued safe operation of the unit.

The final PATP Startup Report is provided in the enclosure and detailed test result packages are available on site for review.

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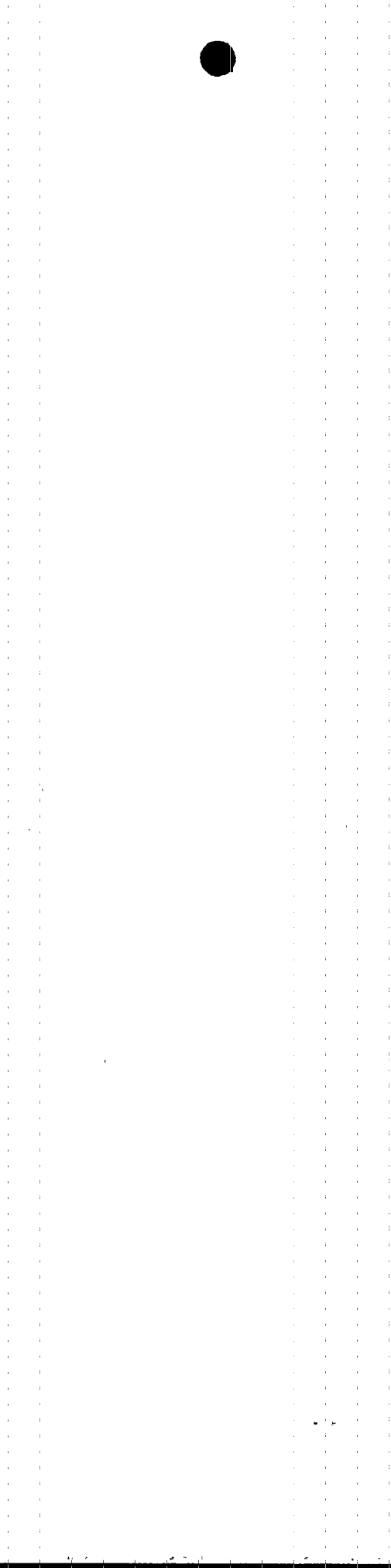
There are no commitments contained in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (205) 729-2636.

Sincerely,

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Pedro Salas
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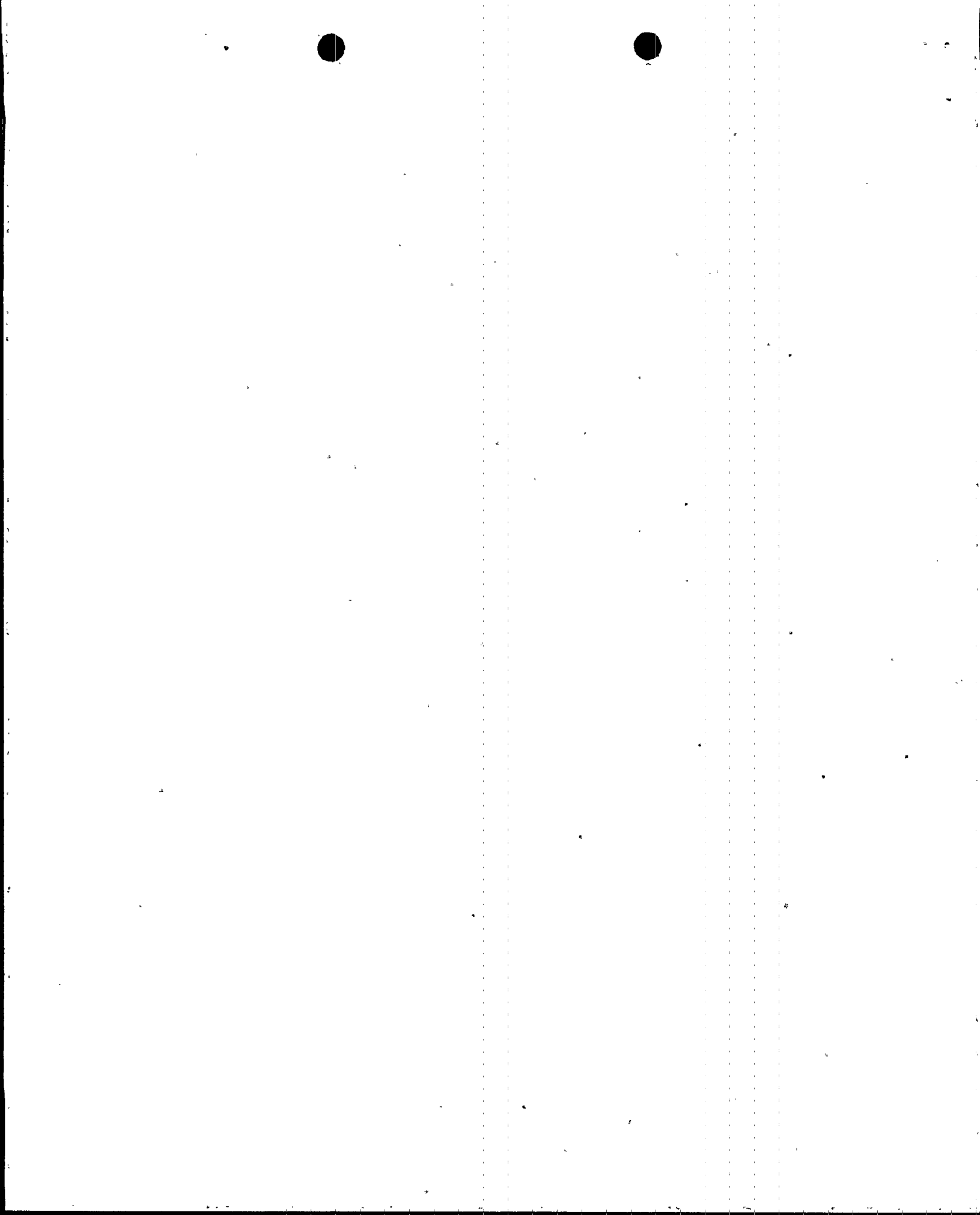
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UNIT 2

FINAL POWER ASCENSION TEST REPORT FOR CYCLE 9

(SEE ATTACHED)

