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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

**TO:** Registration Section  
Division of Corporations

**SUBJECT:** Valley National Gases, Inc.  
(Name of corporation - must include suffix)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida", "Certificate of Existence", and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign corporation to transact business in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

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Robert D. Scherich  
(Name of Person)  
Valley National Gases, Inc.  
(Firm/Company)  
67-43rd Street  
(Address)  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
(City/State and Zip code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Robert D. Scherich at ( 304 ) 234-4460 Ext. 317  
(Name of Person) (Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

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**STREET ADDRESS:**  
Registration Section  
Division of Corporations  
409 E. Gaines St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**MAILING ADDRESS:**  
Registration Section  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

- \$70.00 Filing Fee
- \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status
- \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy
- \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certificate of Status & Certified Copy

**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT  
BUSINESS IN FLORIDA**

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO  
REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.*

1. Valley National Gases, Inc.  
(Name of corporation; must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present.)

2. West Virginia 3. 55-0460738  
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. July 2, 1962 5. Perpetual  
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. Upon Qualification  
(Date first transacted business in Florida. If corporation has not transacted business in Florida, insert "upon qualification.")  
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)

7. 67-43rd Street, Wheeling, WV 26003  
(Principal office address)

67-43rd Street, Wheeling, WV 26003  
(Current mailing address)

8. See attached Schedule  
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** acceptable)

Name: RAX CO.

Office Address: 50 North Laura Street, Suite 3300

Jacksonville, Florida 32202  
(City) (Zip code)

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**10. Registered agent's acceptance:**

*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.*

Jason E. Campbell  
Jason E. Campbell, VP (Registered agent's signature)

11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

Section 8: Purposes of Corporation.

The sale and distribution of welding supply products, industrial, medical and specialty gases, propane and as well related products and services.

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12. Names and business addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: Gary E. West

Address: 67-43rd Street

Wheeling, WV 26003

Vice Chairman: N/A

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: Lawrence E. Bandi

Address: 67-43rd Street

Wheeling, WV 26003

Director: John R. Bushwack

Address: 67-43rd Street

Wheeling, WV 26003

B. OFFICERS

President: Lawrence E. Bandi

Address: 67-43rd Street

Wheeling, WV 26003

Vice President: John R. Bushwack

Address: 67-43rd Street

Wheeling, WV 26003

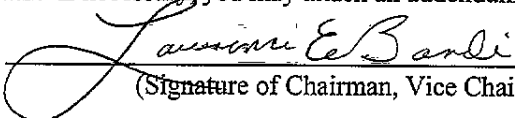
Secretary: John R. Bushwack

Address: 67-43rd Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

Treasurer: Robert D. Scherich

Address: 67-43rd Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

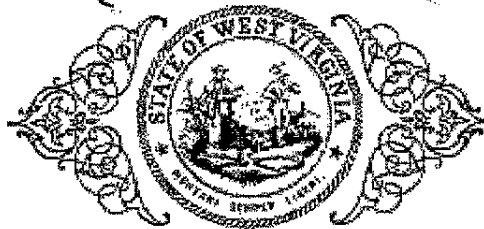
NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13.   
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Lawrence E. Bandi, President  
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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## Certificate

*I, Joe Manchin III, Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia, hereby certify that*

**VALLEY NATIONAL GASES, INC.**

was incorporated under the laws of West Virginia and a Certificate of Incorporation was issued by my office. The corporation has not been dissolved according to my records.

I further certify that the Tax Commissioner of West Virginia advises me that the corporation has paid all annual license taxes that are now due, and that the corporation is in good standing with the State of West Virginia.

ACCORDINGLY, I issue this

**CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING**

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*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia on this day of April 23, 2001*

Handwritten signature of Joe Manchin III.

*Secretary of State*