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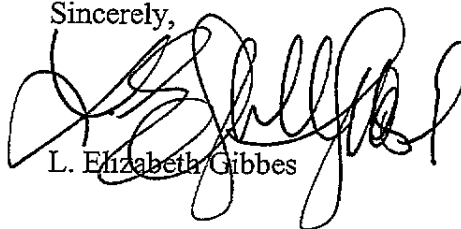
Re: Merit Transportation, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

This firm represents Merit Transportation, Inc. The documents which were originally submitted to qualify Merit Transportation, Inc. as a foreign corporation in the State of Florida incorrectly indicated that the corporation had begun transacting business in Florida in 1996.

Please let me know if you have any further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



L. Elizabeth Gibbes

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**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*

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1. Merit Transportation, 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. South Carolina 3. 58-2359048  
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FBI number, if applicable)
4. December 16, 1997 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. 1310 Union Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302  
(Principal office address)  
same as above  
(Current mailing address)
8. Wholesale Distribution  
(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: CT Corporation System  
Office Address: 1200 South Pine Island Road  
Plantation, , Florida 33324  
(City) (Zip code)

**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.*

Mary R. Adams  
(Registered agent's signature)

**MARY R. ADAMS  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

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.

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

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: Mitchell T. Jolley

Address: 1310 Union Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302

Vice Chairman: n/a

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

Director: Caleb C. Fort

Address: 1310 Union Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302

Director: E. Fort Wolfe

Address: 1310 Union Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302

B. OFFICERS

President: n/a - see attached

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

Vice President: n/a - see attached

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

Secretary: Caleb C. Fort

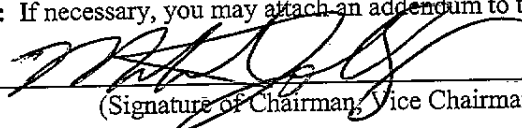
Address: 1310 Union Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302

Treasurer: E. Fort Wolfe

Address: 1310 Union Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302

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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. Mitchell T. Jolley  
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

**12B. Addendum to the application listing additional Officers.**

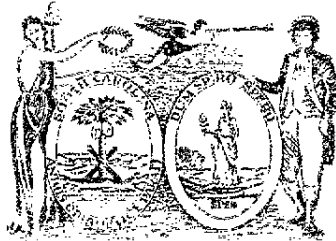
Chief Executive Officer: Mitchell T. Jolley  
Address: 1310 Union Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302

Vice President of Finance: John D. Hudgins, Jr.  
Address: 1310 Union Street  
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Vice President of  
Operations & Procurement: Michael H. Smith  
Address: 1310 Union Street  
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# *The State of South Carolina*



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## *Office of Secretary of State Jim Miles* **Certificate of Existence**

I, Jim Miles, Secretary of State of South Carolina Hereby certify that:

### ***MERIT TRANSPORTATION, INC.,***

a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina on **December 16th, 1997**, and having a perpetual duration unless otherwise indicated below, has as of the date hereof filed all reports due this office, paid all fees, taxes and penalties owed to the Secretary of State, that the Secretary of State has not mailed notice to the Corporation that it is subject to being dissolved by administrative action pursuant to Section 33-14-210 of the South Carolina Code, and that the corporation has not filed articles of dissolution as of the date hereof.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina this 14th day of March, 2001.

A handwritten signature of Jim Miles in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Jim Miles, Secretary of State