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APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO **BUSINESS IN FLORIDA** IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMIT REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. 1. El Paso Merchant Energy Company (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. Delaware (State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable) 5. Perpetual (Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual") Upon qualification (Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.) 7. 1001 Louisiana St. Houston, TX 77002 (Current mailing address) 8. All purposes for which corps. are legally authorized to transact (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: C T Corporation System Office Address: 1200 South Pine Island Road Plantation _____, Florida, 33324 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. C T Corporation System ASSISTANT SECRETARY), (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

^{12.} Names and addresses of officers and/or directors: (Street address ONLY - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

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DIRECTORS & OFFICERS EL PASO MERCHANT ENERGY COMPANY

All officers & directors are located at 1001 Louisiana St., Houston, TX 7700

DIRECTORS

Ralph Eads Clark C. Smith

OFFICERS

Clark C. Smith President

John B. Holmes, Jr. Chief Operating Officer Grady M. Blakley Senior Vice President J. Robert Collins, Jr. Senior Vice President

John L. Harrison Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

W. C. Mack Senior Vice President

Timothy D. Bourn Vice President and Senior Managing Director

Steven W. Goers Vice President

Larry M. Kellerman Vice President and Senior Managing Director Andrew C. Kidd Vice President and Associate General Counsel

Sean M. Cooper Vice President and Managing Director Steve Durio Vice President and Managing Director

Cecilia T. Heilmann Vice President, Managing Director and Controller

Kelly J. McGrath Vice President Ann E. Raden Vice President

Charles Zabriskie Vice President and Senior Managing Director

John J. O'Rourke Vice President and Managing Director

Nandita V. Berry
Liesl D. Criswell
Belinda J. Clements
Donna D. Holland
Myra W. McAbee
Juliana I. Sherman

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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "EL PASO MERCHANT ENERGY COMPANY" IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 2001.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED TO DATE.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE.

Warriet Smith Windson, Secretary of State

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