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January 8, 2003

Secretary of State, Florida 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee FL 32399

Re: Order #: 5709958 WO

Customer Reference 1: 042432.0007

Customer Reference 2: USI Companies Inc.

Dear Secretary of State, Florida:

Please file the attached:

USI Companies Inc. (DE)

Qualification Florida

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Enclosed please find a check for the requisite fees. Please return evidence of filing(s) to my attention.

If for any reason the enclosed cannot be filed upon receipt, please contact me immediately at (850) 222-1092. Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Ashley A Mitchell Fulfillment Specialist Ashley\_Mitchell@cch-lis.com

660 East Jefferson Street Tallahassee, FL 32301 Tel. 850 222 1092 Fax 850 222 7615

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

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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. USD 18 PM 2: 32

| 1. USI Compani   | ies Inc.  |            | TARLES TO A STANDARD TO A STAN | ት 3<br>Fl |
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| words or abbro   | poration; must include the word "INCORPOR eviations of like import in language as will clear or partnership if not so contained in the name | earl       | y indicate that it is a corporation instead of a   | <br>-     |
| 2. Delaware  |   | 3.         | 41-2068420   |           |
| (State or cour   | ntry under the law of which it is incorporated)   | •          | (FEI number, if applicable)  | •         |
| 4. 11/25/2002  | . · ·   | 5.         | Perpetual  |           |
| (D:  | ate of incorporation)   |            | (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")  |           |
| 6, 01/02/2003  |   |            |  |           |
| ·  |   |            | t transacted business in Florida, insert "upon qualification.") 1, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)   |           |
| 7. Zor resser z  | (Principal office   | add        | lress)   |           |
| same   |   |            |  |           |
| Same   | (Current mailing  | add        | dress)   |           |
| 8. Holding Com   | pany e(s) of corporation authorized in home state of  | or co      | ountry to be carried out in state of Florida)  | • • •     |
| 9. Name and <u>s</u>                                   | <u>treet address</u> of Florida registered age  | nt:        | (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box NOT acceptable)   |           |
| Name:  | C T Corporation System  |            |  |           |
| 000 431  | 1200 South Pine Island Road   |            |  | •         |
| Office Address:  | 1200 South File Island Road   |            |  |           |
|  | Plantation  |            | , Florida <u>33324</u>   |           |
|  | (City)  |            | (Žip code)   |           |
| Having been no<br>designated in th<br>further agree to | his application, I hereby accept the appo   | int<br>tes | rice of process for the above stated corporation at the place<br>ment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.<br>relative to the proper and complete performance of my<br>of my position as registered agent.   |           |
|  | C T Corporation System  |            | Robin LaPeters   |           |
| By:  | : Row Laws  |            | 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.

(Registered agent's signature)

12. Names and business addresses of officers and/or directors: FILED A. DIRECTORS 03.1AN -8 PM 2: 32 Chairman: SEE ATTACHMENT AN UF STATE Vice Chairman: Director: \_ Address: \_ **B. OFFICERS** President: SEE ATTACHMENT Address: \_\_ Vice President: Address: Secretary: \_ NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors. (Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application) 14. Edwin J. McLaughlin, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

### . Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida

#### **ATTACHMENT**

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#### 12. Names and business addresses of officers and directors:

#### A. DIRECTORS

| NAME                  | BUSINESS<br>ADDRESS  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Edwin J. McLaughlin   | 281 Tresser Blvd.<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Floor<br>Stamford, CT 06901 |
| Richard S. Bertasi    | 281 Tresser Blvd.<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Floor<br>Stamford, CT 06901 |
| Thomas M. Dever       | 281 Tresser Blvd.<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Floor<br>Stamford, CT 06901 |
| Barbara A. McLaughlin | 281 Tresser Blvd.<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Floor<br>Stamford, CT 06901 |

#### **B. OFFICERS**

| NAME                | TITLE  | BUSINESS<br>ADDRESS  |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Edwin J. McLaughlin | Chairman of the Board and<br>Chief Executive Officer | 281 Tresser Blvd.<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Floor<br>Stamford, CT 06901 |
| Richard S. Bertasi  | President  | 281 Tresser Blvd.<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Floor<br>Stamford, CT 06901 |
| Thomas M. Dever     | Chief Administrative Officer and Secretary           | 281 Tresser Blvd.<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Floor<br>Stamford, CT 06901 |
| Orison Y. Chaffee   | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer                | 281 Tresser Blvd.<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Floor<br>Stamford, CT 06901 |
| Nicholas J. Westley | Chief Strategy Officer and Executive Vice President  | 281 Tresser Blvd.<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Floor<br>Stamford, CT 06901 |



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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "USI COMPANIES INC." 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 SIXTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2002.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN ASSESSED TO DATE.



AUTHENTICATION: 2148566

DATE: 12-16-02

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