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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO: Registration Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: A. RIFKIN COMPANY

(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:

PATTY LEVAN

(Name of Person)

A. RIFKIN CO.

(Firm/Company)

P.O. BOX 878

(Address)

WILKES-BARRE, PA 18703-0878

(City/State and Zip code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Patty Levan

(Name of Person)

at (570) 825-9551, ext 222

(Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

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Updater	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00 Filing Fee
Verifier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status
Acknowledgment	<input type="checkbox"/> \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy
W. P. Verifier	<input type="checkbox"/> \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certificate of Status & Certified Copy

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January 22, 2003

Ms. Diane Cushing
Corporate Specialist
Florida Department of State
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Your Letter No. 903A00000816

Dear Ms. Cushing:

The original "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida" submitted in July 2002 reflected erroneous information. The "Date first transacted business in Florida," item 6 on the Application, is actually 2002.

A. Rifkin Co. never had an employee in Florida until June 3, 2002. All sales transactions until that time were handled by Independent Contractors. Your Section 607.1501(2)(e), states that "Selling through independent contractors ..." does not constitute transacting business and therefore no Certificate of Authority from the Department of State is required.

Attached is the required sworn affidavit stating the correct information. With this correction, we believe that the fees and penalties of \$29,216.25 stated in your letter should be removed.

If you need additional information or clarification of the above, please call me at (570) 825-9551 ext. 214.

Sincerely,

A. RIFKIN CO.

Paul D. Lantz
President & CEO

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Attachment: Affidavit

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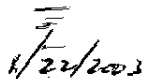
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Before me, the undersigned notary public, on this day 22nd day of January 2003 personally appeared Paul D. Lantz to me known, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes the following:

- (1) A. Rifkin Co., 1400 Sans Souci Parkway, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706, first transacted business in Florida in June 2002.
- (2) A. Rifkin Co. did not transact business, as defined in Section 607.1501 of the Florida Statutes, until 2002, the year the Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida was filed.
- (3) The information entered on said Application, item (8) is incorrect. The correct date is 2002.



Signature of Affiant


1/22/2003

Date

Paul D. Lantz

Typed Name

President & CEO

Title

(Seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January 2003.


Notary Public

NOTARIAL SEAL
ELLEN C. WILSON, NOTARY PUBLIC
WILKES-BARRE, LUZERNE COUNTY
My Commission Expires Feb. 3, 2004



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

July 26, 2002

PATTY LEVAN
A. RIFKIN CO.
P.O. BOX 878
WILKES-BARRE, PA 18703-0878

SUBJECT: A. RIFKIN CO.
Ref. Number: W02000021576

We have received your document for A. RIFKIN CO. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained in this office for the following:

Pursuant to section 607.1502(4), 617.1502(4) or 608.502(4), Florida Statutes, this office collects a civil penalty of \$1000 for each year this entity transacted business or conducted its affairs in Florida prior to qualification and the appropriate annual report/uniform business report fees that would have been due this office had the entity qualified the year it began operations in this state. The amount due this office to cover both annual report/uniform business report and penalty fees is \$29,216.25.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6025.

Trevor Brumbley
Document Specialist

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

January 7, 2003

PATTY LEVAN
A. RIFKIN CO.
P.O. BOX 878
WILKES-BARRE, PA 18703-0878

SUBJECT: A. RIFKIN CO.
Ref. Number: W02000021576

This letter is in response to the application by foreign corporation for authorization to transact business in Florida that was previously submitted to this office for A. RIFKIN CO..

The referenced application states that the corporation has transacted business in the State of Florida since January 1, 1965. You were notified by letter dated July 26, 2002, that because of failure to obtain a certificate of authority prior to transacting business in the State of Florida, the corporation is liable for \$29216.25 in appropriate fees and penalties as set forth in Section 607.1502(4), Florida Statutes, (copy enclosed).

Until a response is received by this office concerning the prior notification, the application by foreign corporation for authorization to transact business in Florida will not be processed. If erroneous information was reflected on the previously submitted application, a sworn affidavit may be filed stating the correct date the corporation first transacted business in Florida, that the corporation did not transact business in Florida prior to the application filing year and that the information entered on such application is incorrect. Any such affidavit will be included with your original qualification documents.

Please provide your response to this letter within 30 days to avoid the necessity of further action.

If you have further questions concerning the filing of your document, please telephone the Foreign Qualification/Tax Lien Section at (850) 487-6051.

Diane Cushing
Corporate Specialist

Letter No. 903A00000816

Enclosure

**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. A. RIFKIN 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. PENNSYLVANIA 3. _____
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. 1965 5. perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. 1965
(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. 1400 SANS SOUCI PARKWAY, WILKES-BARRE, PA 18706
(Principal office address)

P.O. BOX 878, WILKES-BARRE, PA 18703-0878
(Current mailing address)

8. Sales of manufactured products
(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: FRANK SALERNO

Office Address: 2313 FAIRWAY DR. S.

PLANT CITY, Florida 33567
(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.



(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.

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

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: ARNOLD S. RIFKIN

Address: A. RIFKIN CO.

1400 SANS SOUCI PARKWAY, WILKES-BARRE, PA 18706

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Address: _____

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B. OFFICERS

President: PAUL D. LANTZ

Address: A. RIFKIN CO.

1400 SANS SOUCI PARKWAY, WILKES-BARRE, PA 18706

Vice President: _____

Address: _____

Secretary: _____

Address: _____

Treasurer: _____

Address: _____

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. Paul D. Lantz, President & CEO

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JULY 18, 2002

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT,

A. RIFKIN CO.

is duly incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
and remains a subsisting corporation so far as the records of this office
show, as of the date herein.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused
the Seal of the Secretary's
Office to be affixed, the day
and year above written.

C. Michael Stewart

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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