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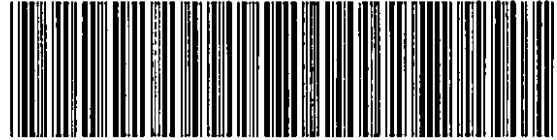
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TO: Registration Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: Growth Energy
Name of Corporation – must include suffix

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Not for Profit Corporation for Authorization to Conduct its Affairs in Florida", "Certificate of Existence", or "Certificate of Status" and check are submitted to register the above referenced not for profit corporation to conduct its affairs in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Joseph S. Kakesh

Name of Person

Growth Energy

Firm/Company

701 8th Street NW

Address

Washington, DC 20001

City/State and Zip Code

jkakesh@growthenergy.org

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Ben Butterfield

Name of Person

at (402)
Area Code

690-0740

Daytime Telephone Number

MAILING ADDRESS:

Registration Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

STREET/COURIER ADDRESS:

Registration Section
Division of Corporations
Clifton Building
2661 Executive Center Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

Please make check payable to: **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

- ☒ \$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 NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO
CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN FLORIDA**

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 617.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO
REGISTER A FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN
THE STATE OF FLORIDA:*

1. Growth Energy Corporation

(Name of corporation: must include the word "INCORPORATED" or "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. "Company" or "Co." may not be used as a corporate suffix by a nonprofit corporation.)

(If name unavailable in Florida, enter alternate corporate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida)

2. Washington, DC 3. 26-3542537
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. 10/15/08 5. _____
(Date of Incorporation) (Date of duration, if other than perpetual)

6. June 29th, 2019
(Date first conducted affairs in Florida if prior to registration. See sections 617.1501 & 617.1502, F.S. to determine penalty liability.)

7. 701 8th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
(Principal office street address)

(Current mailing address, if different)

8. To promote ethanol as a sustainable, clean, and renewable energy resource.
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in the state of Florida)

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

Name: C T 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.

(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. For initial indexing purposes, list names, titles and addresses of the primary officers and/or directors [up to six (6) total]:

A. DIRECTORS

☐ Chairman Name: Joseph S. Kakesh
☐ Vice Chairman Address: Growth Energy
☐ Director 701 8th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
☐ President _____
☐ Vice President _____
☒ Secretary ☐ Treasurer
☐ Other: _____ ☐ Other: _____

☐ Chairman Name: Ray Defenbaugh
☐ Vice Chairman Address: Big River Resources
☐ Director 211 N. Gear Ave., Suite 200,
☐ President West Burlington, IA 52655
☐ Vice President _____
☐ Secretary ☒ Treasurer
☐ Other: _____ ☐ Other: _____

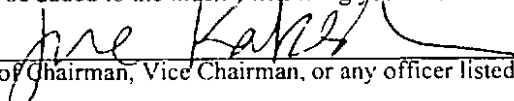
☒ Chairman Name: Dan Sanders
☐ Vice Chairman Address: Front Range Energy
☐ Director 31375 Great Western Drive,
☐ President Windsor, CO 80550
☐ Vice President _____
☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer
☐ Other: _____ ☐ Other: _____

☐ Chairman Name: Emily Skor
☐ Vice Chairman Address: Growth Energy
☐ Director 701 8th Street NW, Washington, DC
☒ President 20001
☐ Vice President _____
☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer
☐ Other: _____ ☐ Other: _____

☐ Chairman Name: Mitch Miller
☒ Vice Chairman Address: Carbon Green BioEnergy, LLC
☐ Director 8700 Conservancy Drive NE, Ada, MI
☐ President 49301
☐ Vice President _____
☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer
☐ Other: _____ ☐ Other: _____

☐ Chairman Name: Jeff Broin
☐ Vice Chairman Address: POET
☒ Director 4615 N. Lewis Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57101
☐ President _____
☐ Vice President _____
☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer
☐ Other: _____ ☐ Other: _____

NOTE: Important Notice: Use an attachment to report more than six (6). The attachment will be imaged for reporting purposes only. Non-indexed individuals may be added to the index when filing your Florida Department of State Annual Report form.

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

14. Joseph S. Kakesh
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Chair

Dan Sanders

Front Range Energy (Vice President)
31375 Great Western Dr
Windsor, CO 80550

Vice Chairman

Mitch Miller

Carbon Green BioEnergy (CEO)
8700 Conservancy Drive
NE, Ada, MI 49301

Treasurer

Ray Defenbaugh

Growth Energy (General Counsel)
701 8th Street NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC, 20001

Secretary

Joe Kakesh

Growth Energy (General Counsel)
701 8th Street NW, Suite 450
Washington, DC, 20001

Members

Richard Childress

Richard Childress Racing (Owner)
425 Industrial Drive
Welcome, N.C. 27374

Jeff Broin

POET (Executive Chairman and Founder)
4615 N. Lewis Ave. Sioux Falls, SD,
57104

Rick Schwarck

Absolute Energy (President) 1372
State Line Road
St. Ansgar IA 50472

Todd Becker

Green Plains Inc. (President, CEO
and Director)
1811 Aksarben Drive
Omaha, NE 68106

Nathan VanderGriend

ERI Solutions, Inc. (President &
CEO)
125 N 1st Street, Colwich, KS
67030

Mark Marquis

Marquis Energy, LLC (CEO) 11953
ESK Road
Hennepin, IL 61327

Brett Davis

New Holland North America
(VP)
500 Diller Avenue, New
Holland, PA 17557

Ray Bradbury

Archer Daniels Midland Company
(President, Risk Management, Corn)
4666 E Faries Parkway Decatur, IL
62526

Kyle Gilley

POET (Senior VP, External Affairs and
Communications)
4615 N. Lewis Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Tom Willis

Conestoga Energy Partners
(CEO) 1701 N Kansas Ave Liberal,
KS 67901

Tom Buis

Growth Energy (Co-Chairman)
9151 Bellasera Circle, Myrtle
beach, SC 29579

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CORPORATIONS DIVISION



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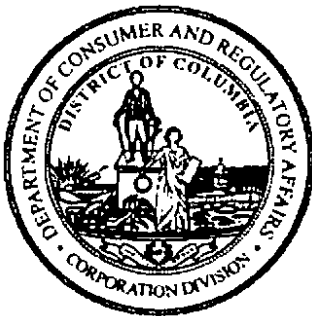
THIS IS TO CERTIFY that all applicable provisions of the District of Columbia Business Organizations Code (Title 29) have been complied with and accordingly, this ***CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING*** is hereby issued to

GROWTH ENERGY

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that the domestic filing entity is formed under the law of the District on 10/15/2008; that all fees, and penalties owed to the District for entity filings collected through the Mayor have been paid and Payment is reflected in the records of the Mayor; The entity's most recent biennial report required by § 29-102.11 has been delivered for filing to the Mayor; and the entity has not been dissolved. This office does not have any information about the entity's business practices and financial standing and this certificate shall not be construed as the entity's endorsement.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this office to be affixed as of 11/25/2019 10:23 AM

Business and Professional Licensing Administration



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patricia E. Grays'.

PATRICIA E. GRAYS
Superintendent of Corporations
Corporations Division

Muriel Bowser
Mayor

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