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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

February 25, 2000

CT CORPORATION SYSTEM ATTN: CONNIE BRYAN

SUBJECT: DUKE ENERGY MERCHATS, LLC

Ref. Number: W00000005241

We have received your document for DUKE ENERGY MERCHATS, LLC and your check(s) totaling \$125.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Limited Liability Companies do not have officers and directors. They have managers or managing members. Please list the usual business address for the managers or managing members. Please amend your document.

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

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### APPLICATION BY FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 608503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

DUKE ENERGY MERCHANTS, LLC (Name of foreign li	mited liability company)
Delaware -	<sub>3</sub> 76-0605999
risdiction under the law of which foreign limited liability mpany is organized)	(FEI number, if applicable)
4-23-99	5. Perpetual
(Date of Organization)	(Duration: Year limited liability company will cease to exist or "perpetual")
Upon Qualification =	
(Date first transacted business in Florida. (See	sections 608.501, 608.502, and 817.155, F.S.)
5400 Westheimer Court	
Houston, Texas 77056	
(Street address of	of principal office)
If limited liability company is a manager-managed	d company check have
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The usual business addresses of the managing men	mbers or managers are as follows:
Duke Energy Merchants Holdings, LLC,	Managing Member
5400 Westheimer Court	
Houston, Texas 77056	·
Attached is an original certificate of existence, no more than 9	A days old duly authenticated by the official having distributions of the official ha
jurisdiction under the law of which it is organized. (A photoco	ppy is not acceptable. If the certificate is in a foraiguage, a
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Bradley C. Rarp . Signature of a member or an au	S., the execution of this document constitutes ary that the facts stated herein are true.)

## CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 608.415 or 608.507, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO DESIGNATE A REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is:	
DUKE ENERGY MERCHANTS, LLC	7
2. The name and the Florida street address of the registered agent and office are:	
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(Name)	•
1200 South Pine Island Road  Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT ACCEPTABLE)	
Plantation <u>FL</u> 33324City/State/Zip	
Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated limited liability company at the place designated in this certificate, 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 relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 608, F.S	

CONNIE BRYAN
SPECIAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY

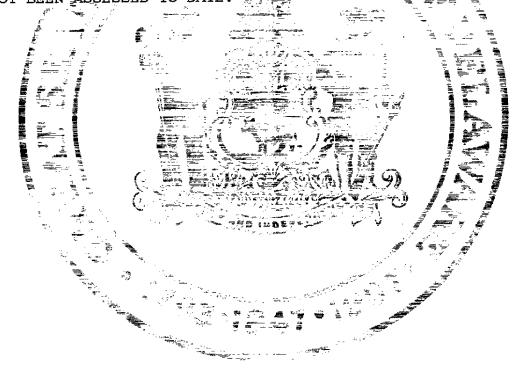
\$ 100.00 Filing Fee for Application \$ 25.00 Designation of Registered Agent \$ 30.00 Certified Copy (optional) \$ 5.00 Certificate of Status (optional)

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#### Office of the Secretary of State

I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "DUKE ENERGY MERCHANTS, LLC" IS DULY FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD LEGAL EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS AS OF THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2000.

HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL TAXES HAVE



- AUTHENTICATION:

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