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August 28, 1996

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RE: Articles of Incorporation for Rural Utilities, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for Rural Utilities, Inc., which includes designation of resident agent. You will also find enclosed our firm check in the amount of \$122.50 to cover the following costs:

Filing Fee	\$35.00
Certified Copy of Charger	52.50
Designation of Resident Agent	<u>35.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$122.50</u>

Your prompt attention to the filing of the Articles of Incorporation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

BONDURANT AND FUQUA, P.A.

*Frank E. Bondurant*

Frank E. Bondurant  
For the Firm

FEB/sjc

Enclosures: As above stated

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

RURAL UTILITIES, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation is Rural Utilities, Inc.

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be 5282 Peanut Road, Graceville, Florida 32440, and the mailing address of this corporation shall be Post Office Box 127, Graceville, Florida 32440.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

This corporation is originated for the purpose of providing potable drinking water and related services to the rural areas of Jackson County, Florida.

ARTICLE IV

MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be specified in the corporation's bylaws.

ARTICLE V

CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in Section 617.0302 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE VI

INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and street address of the initial registered Resident Agent is Frank E. Bondurant, 4450 Lafayette Street, Marianna, Florida 32446.

ARTICLE VII

INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator for these Articles of Incorporation are:

West Florida Electric Cooperative Association, Inc,  
a Florida corporation  
5282 Peanut Road  
Graceville, Florida 32440

The undersigned Incorporator has caused these Articles to be signed in its name by its President, and its corporate seal to be affixed, attested by its Secretary this the 26th day of August, 1996.

WEST FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation

BY: Larry F. Cook  
President

ATTEST: Debbie A. Wilcox  
Secretary

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF JACKSON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of August, 1996, by Larry F. Cook and Debbie A. Wilcox, who are President and Secretary respectively of West Florida Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., a corporation, on behalf of the corporation. They (xx) are personally known to me or ( ) have produced N/A as identification and did not take an oath.

Frank E. Bondurant  
PRINTED NAME: FRANK E. BONDURANT  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF FLORIDA AT LARGE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: June 20, 1998  
COMMISSION NUMBER: CC 385301  
Notary Public Underwriters

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:


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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR  
THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT  
UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, FLORIDA STATUTES, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

FIRST - That RURAL UTILITIES, INC., desiring to be organized under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, in the City of Graceville, Jackson County, Florida, has named FRANK E. BONDURANT, whose address is 4450 Lafayette Street, Marianna, Florida 32446, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

  
FRANK E. BONDURANT  
Registered Agent

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CLERK OF COURT  
JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA