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May 29, 1997

To:

Corporation Division

Florida Department of State

P.O. Box 6327

Tallahassee, FL 32314

Subject:

Articles Of Incorporation - Not-For-Profit

Enclosed for filing are the Articles of Incorporation for a corporation titled Public Utilities Research & Education Institute, Inc., and my check in the amount of \$78.75 which I understand is the required fee including the return of a certified copy of the Articles.

If you require anything further, please advise at the above address, telephone, FAX,or e-mail.

Sincerely,

Wm. R. King

encl: Articles of Incorporation

Check No. 1626 for \$78.75

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

## PUBLIC UTILITIES RESEARCH AND EDUCATION INSTITUTE, INC.

## KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, being natural persons of the age of 21 years or more, being desirous of researching and improving the methods of delivering utility and environmental services to the public, for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit corporation under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

ARTICLE ONE: The name of the corporation is PUBLIC UTILITIES RESEARCH AND EDUCATION INSTITUTE, INC.

**ARTICLE TWO:** The name and address of the initial registered agent, registered office and principal office are:

Registered Agent: Robert J. Stinnett, 3215 Glenna Lane, Sarasota, FL 34239-3408.

Registered Office: 3215 Glenna Lane, Sarasota, FL 34239-3408.

Principal Office: 2420 Juniper Place, Sarasota, FL 3423?

Acceptance By Registered Agent: I, being appointed the registered agent of the above named corporation, am familiar with and accept the obligations of Section 617.0503, Florida Statutes.

Signed: \

Robert J. Stinnett, Registered Agent

**ARTICLE THREE:** The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors are:

NAMES OF DIRECTORS

ADDRESS

William R. King, P.E.

2420 Juniper Place, Sarasota, FL 3423?

William F. Bishop, P.E.

3107 Rose Street, Sarasota, FL 34239-5623

Robert F. Shay

2604 Bougainvillea, Sarasota, FL 34239

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Carol Burman-Jahn

3947 Mockingbird Lane, Sarasota, FL 34239

Robert J. Stinnett

3215 Glenna Lane, Sarasota, FL 3423903408

## ARTICLE FOUR: The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- (A). For research into facilities and methods of acquisition and operations of public utilities and education of the public concerning better efficiency and pollution control.
- (B). No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, incorporators or any other private persons, except that the corporation shall be allowed to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the preceding Article (A) hereof.
- (C). The doing of any and all things necessary and incident to the performance of the purposes above set forth insofar as the same are permissible under the statutes governing this corporation.

ARTICLE FIVE: The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE SIX: These Articles of Incorporation may be amended from time to time in the manner provided by law.

ARTICLE SEVEN: The method of electing directors and members shall be as provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE EIGHT: Membership is not limited or restricted by reason of color, gender, ethnic origin or sexual preference.

ARTICLE NINE: Upon dissolution of the corporation, liquidation or abandonment of its property, assets remaining after the payment of, or provision for the payment of, all liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to one or more organizations whose purposes and activities in the opinion of the last directors are consistent with the objectives of public service of this organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have duly signed these Articles of Incorporation this

<u>26</u> day of Mary, 1999.

William R. King, P.E., Incorporator

Robert F Shay Incorporator

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Robert J. Stinnett, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA }
COUNTY OF SARASOTA } ss.

On this 26 day of May, 1999, before me, a notary public in and for the State of Florida at large, personally appeared William R. King, William F. Bishop, Robert F. Shay, Carol Burman-Jahn and Robert J. Stinnett, each identified by Florida Driver's License, who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and whose names are subscribed thereto, and severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

William F. Bishop, P.E.,

Notary Public

KATHRYN KING

NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA KATHRYN KING COMMISSION NUMBER CC581418 EXPIRES 10-23-2000 AMERICAN SURETY ASSOCIATES 1-888-NOTARY-1