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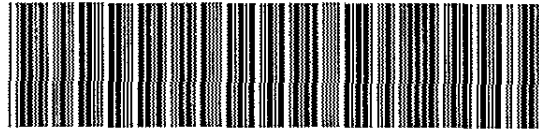
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April 3, 2003

Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Attn: Articles of Incorporation

Re: **GULF COAST TELECOM, INC.**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the original and a copy of Articles of Incorporation for the above-named corporation. In addition, a check in the amount of \$78.75 is enclosed which represents the following fees:

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| Filing Fee | \$ 35.00 |
| Certified Copy | \$ 8.75 |
| Registered Agent | <u>\$ 35.00</u> |
| | <u>\$ 78.75</u> |

Please file the original of the enclosed Articles of Incorporation and return a certified copy to me at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,


Gregory V. Beauchamp

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Enclosure

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GULF COAST TELECOM, INC

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Florida General Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLES ONE: NAME

The name of this corporation shall be: **GULF COAST TELECOM, INC..**

ARTICLE TWO: NATURE OF BUSINESS

The general purpose for which this corporation is initially organized is to own and operate a business for the purpose of providing local telephone service as a competitive local exchange carrier; and for the further purpose of engaging in any activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States and Florida.

ARTICLE THREE: DURATION

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE FOUR: CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue One Thousand (1,000) shares of One Dollar (\$1.00) par value common stock. By general consent of the Stockholders, it is their desire to designate the initial capital stock of this corporation as Section 1244 Stock, as defined under the Internal Revenue Code. As such stock will qualify for all rights and privileges of Section 1244 Stock.

ARTICLE FIVE: ADDRESS

The principal mailing address of the corporation is P. O. BOX 908 CHIEFLAND, FLORIDA 32644-0908. The street address of the corporation's initial principal office is 114 N. MAIN STREET, CHIEFLAND, FLORIDA 32626, and the name of the initial Registered Agent is CHARLES D. LINDSEY, SR., whose address is 819 SW. 103rd STREET, TRENTON, FLORIDA 32693. The stockholders may from time to time designate such other address and place as the register agent, subject to requirements of Florida law.

ARTICLE SIX: MANAGEMENT

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of this corporation shall be managed under the direction of a Board of Directors.

ARTICLE SEVEN: INCORPORATORS

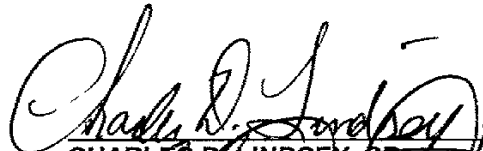
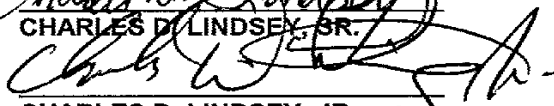
The name and street address of the incorporator of these Articles Of Incorporation is as follows:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>SHARES</u> | <u>CONSIDERATION</u> |
|-------------------------|--|---------------|----------------------|
| CHARLES D. LINDSEY, SR. | 819 SW. 103 rd STREET TRENTON, FLORIDA 32693 | 50 | \$50.00 |
| CHARLES D. LINDSEY, JR. | 10450 S. US HWY 129 TRENTON, FLORIDA 32693 | 50 | \$50.00 |

ARTICLE EIGHT: EFFECTIVE DATE

These Articles Of Incorporation shall become effective upon approval by the Department Of State of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and acknowledged to be filed, the foregoing Articles Of Incorporation in the Office of the Secretary of State this 3rd day of April, 2003.


CHARLES D. LINDSEY, SR.

CHARLES D. LINDSEY, JR.


STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEVY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared **CHARLES D. LINDSEY, SR. and CHARLES D. LINDSEY, JR.**, known to me to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged before me that they executed the same, that I relied upon the following form(s) of identification: () personally known or () produced identification _____ No oath(s) taken.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 3rd day of April, 2003.

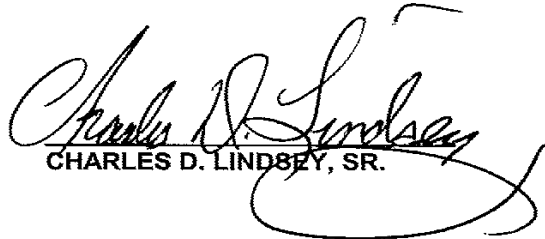
(NOTARY SEAL)

 Janet E. McCathrin
MY COMMISSION # CC839701 EXPIRES
May 25, 2003
ISSUED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

Janet E. McCathrin
Notary Signature
Janet E. McCathrin
Notary Printed Name

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, **CHARLES D. LINDSEY, SR.**, does hereby accept the designation and appointment of Registered Agent of **GULF COAST TELECOM, INC.**


CHARLES D. LINDSEY, SR.