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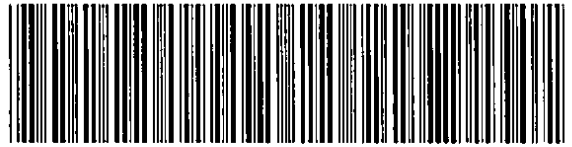
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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Re: **TECO Gas Operations, Inc.**

Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Designation of Registered Agent for the above-referenced corporation. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of:

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Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
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☒ \$78.75  
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I would appreciate being contacted at 425-5465 or [nestes@ausley.com](mailto:nestes@ausley.com) when the certified copy is ready, and I will arrange for someone to pick it up. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Estes".

Nancy Estes  
Legal Assistant

Enclosures

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
TECO GAS OPERATIONS, INC.**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of TECO Gas Operations, Inc. under the Florida Business Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of the Corporation is: TECO Gas Operations, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

**Principal Address**

The principal address of the corporation is: 702 North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602.

**ARTICLE III**

**Duration**

The corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to the law.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Purposes**

The general purpose for which the corporation is organized is the transaction of any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Business Corporation Act and any amendments thereto, and in connection therewith, the corporation shall have and may exercise any and all powers conferred from time to time by law upon corporations formed under such Act.

**ARTICLE V**

**Authorized Shares**

The maximum number of shares which the corporation shall be authorized to issue is 7,500 shares of common stock, \$1.00 par value per share.

The consideration for the purchase of any such stock from the corporation shall be set from time to time by the Board of Directors of the corporation at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for such purpose, always provided that such consideration shall not be less than par value, but it may be

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either money current of the United States of America or good and sufficient exchange of an item of value comparable with or greater than the stock purchased therewith in the corporation, and said stock shall be fully paid and nonassessable when such consideration is paid.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Initial Registered Office and Agent**

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 702 North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602, and the name of the corporation's initial registered agent at that address is David M. Nicholson. The corporation shall have the right to change such registered office and such registered agent from time to time as provided by the law.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Board of Directors**

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

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Initial Board of Directors**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is one, and the name and street address of the initial director, who is to serve as director until the first annual meeting of the shareholders or until his successor is elected and qualified, is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
David M. Nicholson	702 N. Franklin Street Tampa, Florida 33602

The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time, and vacancies shall be filled as provided in the bylaws.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Incorporator**

The name and street address of the incorporator are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Michelle V. Szekeres	702 N. Franklin Street Tampa, Florida 33602

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## ARTICLE X

### Bylaws

(a) The power to adopt the bylaws of the corporation, to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws, or to adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors of the corporation; provided, however, that any bylaw or amendment thereto as adopted by the Board of Directors may be altered, amended or repealed by the vote of the shareholders entitled to vote thereon, or a new bylaw in lieu thereof may be adopted by vote of shareholders.

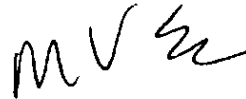
(b) The bylaws of the corporation shall be for the government of the corporation and may contain any provisions or requirements for the management or conduct of the affairs and business of the corporation, provided the same are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation or contrary to the applicable laws of the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE XI

### Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

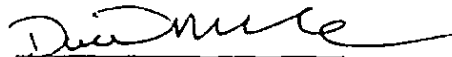
The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon the shareholders herein are subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.



Michelle V. Szekeres  
Incorporator

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment of registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of applicable 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.



David M. Nicholson  
Registered Agent

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