

# CAPITAL CONNECTION, INC.

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RE: Brown & Nelson  
Acquisition, Inc.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF

BROWN & NELSON ACQUISITION, INC.

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned subscriber to the articles of incorporation  
JAMES O. FERGESON, JR., who is a natural person competent to  
contract, hereby forms a corporation under the laws of the State of  
Florida as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Name

The name of this corporation is BROWN & NELSON ACQUISITION,  
INC. The street and mailing address of the corporation is 1800  
Second Street, Suite 903, Sarasota, Fl 34236.

ARTICLE II.

Term of Existence

The date when corporate existence shall commence shall be the  
date of subscription and acknowledgement of these articles, and the  
corporation shall have perpetual existence thereafter.

ARTICLE III.

Nature of Business

This corporation is organized to engage in any and all lawful  
businesses.

ARTICLE IV.

Powers

The corporation shall have power:

- (a) To have perpetual succession by its corporation name.
- (b) To sue and be sued, complain, and defend in its corporate  
name in all actions or proceedings.

(c) To have a corporate seal, which may be altered at pleasure, and to use the same by causing it, or a facsimile thereof, to be impressed, affixed, or in any other manner reproduced.

(d) To purchase, take, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property or any interest therein, wherever situated.

(e) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, create a security interest in, lease, exchange, transfer, and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets.

(f) To lend money to and use its credit to assist its officers and employees to the full extent permitted by law.

(g) To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares or other interests in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States or of any other municipality or of any instrumentality thereof.

(h) To make contracts and guarantees and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, and income.

(i) To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.

(j) To conduct its business, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by this act within or without this state.

(k) To elect or appoint officers and agents of the corporation and define their duties and fix their compensation.

(l) To make and alter bylaws, not inconsistent with these articles of incorporation and the laws of this state, for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the corporation.

(m) To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable scientific or educational purposes.

(n) To transact any lawful business which the board of directors shall find will be in aid of governmental policy.

(o) To pay pensions and establish pension plans, profit sharing plans, stock bonus plans, stock option plans, and other incentive plans for any or all of its directors, officers, and employees and for any or all of the directors, officers, and employees of its subsidiaries.

(p) To be a promoter, incorporator, partner, member, associate, or manager of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

(q) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect its purposes.

ARTICLE V.

Capital Stock

This corporation is authorized to issue seven thousand five hundred (7,500) shares of one dollar (\$1.00) par value common stock, which may be fractional shares. All stock, when issued, shall be fully paid and non-assessable.

ARTICLE VI.

Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street and mailing address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 1515 Ringling Blvd., Suite 1000, Sarasota, Fl 34236, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is JAMES O. FERGESON, JR.

ARTICLE VII.

Directors

The corporation shall have two directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time by bylaws adopted by the board of directors, but any amendment to the bylaws which either increase or decrease the number of directors shall be ratified by holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of stock of the corporation, provided that the corporation shall always have at least one director. The names and street addresses of the initial directors of this corporation, who shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified, are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Thomas Brown	1800 Second Street, Suite 903 Sarasota, Fl 34236
John W. Nelson	1800 Second Street, Suite 903 Sarasota, Fl 34236

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### Subscriber

The name and street address of the incorporator signing these articles of incorporation are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
James O. Ferguson, Jr.	1515 Ringling Blvd., Suite 1000 Sarasota, Fl 34236

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### Special Provisions

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the board of directors of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### Indemnification

The corporation shall indemnify any director or officer or any former director or officer, to the full extent permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### Preemptive Rights

Each shareholder of the corporation shall be entitled to full preemptive rights to acquire his proportional part of any unissued or treasury shares of the corporation, or securities of the corporation convertible into or carrying a right to subscribe to or

acquire such shares, which may be issued at any time by the corporation.

ARTICLE XII.

Removal of Directors

The shareholders of this corporation shall be entitled to remove any director from office at any time for any reason whatsoever, whether or not there is cause for removal.

ARTICLE XIII.

Amendment

These articles of incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

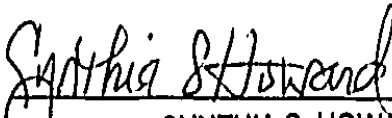
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these articles of incorporation on 11/8, 1996.

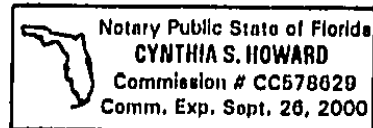
  
JAMES O. FERGESON, JR.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SARASOTA

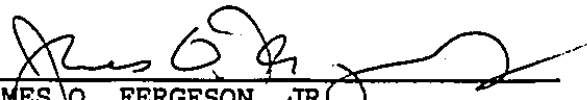
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on 11/8, 1996, by JAMES O. FERGESON, JR., who is personally known to me or who has produced NA as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.

  
(Name CYNTHIA S. HOWARD)  
Notary Public  
Serial Number (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_



Acceptance:

I hereby agree, as Registered Agent, to accept Service of Process; to keep the office open during prescribed hours; to post my name (and any other officers of said corporation authorized to accept service of process at the above Florida designated address) in some conspicuous place in the office as required by law. I am familiar with and accept the obligations provided for in §607.325 of the Florida Statutes.

  
JAMES O. FERGESON, JR.  
Registered Agent



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FERGESON, SKIPPER, SHAW, KEYSER, BARON & TIRABASSI, P.A.

DOUGLAS R. BALD (1)  
DAVID J. BARON (1)  
CHARLA McNALLY BURCHETT (4)  
JAMES O. FERGESON, JR. (2)  
RICHARD R. GANS  
STEPHEN B. KEYSER (3)  
DAVID B. MAGLICH (1)  
MATTHEW B. MAYPER  
ANDREW SHAW  
J. RONALD SKIPPER (4)  
E. RALPH TIRABASSI (3)

1515 RINGLING BOULEVARD, SUITE 1000  
BARABOTA, FLORIDA 34236

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844 BAY ISLES ROAD  
LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA 34220

PORT CHARLOTTE OFFICE:  
15401 MUNDOCK CIRCLE  
PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA 33048

(1) BOARD CERTIFIED CIVIL TRIAL LAWYER  
(2) BOARD CERTIFIED TAX LAWYER  
(3) BOARD CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE LAWYER  
(4) BOARD CERTIFIED WILLS, TRUSTS  
AND ESTATES LAWYER

December 19, 1996

Corporate Records Bureau  
Division of Corporation  
Department of State  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

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Re: Brown & Nelson Acquisition, Inc.  
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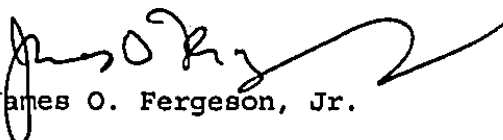
Gentlemen:

I am enclosing an original and a copy of Articles of Amendment for the above-named corporation. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$35.00 to cover the filing fee.

Please file the original of the enclosed Articles of Amendment and return a copy to me.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
James O. Fergeson, Jr.

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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

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1. The following provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of BROWN & NELSON ACQUISITION, INC., a Florida corporation, filed in Tallahassee, Florida, on November 12, 1996, effective November 8, 1996, are amended in the following particulars:

Article I is amended to read as follows:

"The name of this corporation is PLANTATION UTILITY GROUP, INC. The street and mailing address of the corporation is 1800 Second Street, Suite 903, Sarasota, Florida 34236."

2. The foregoing amendment was adopted by the shareholder of the corporation on December 18, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned President and Secretary of this corporation have executed these Articles of Amendment on December 18, 1996.

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THOMAS BROWN  
President

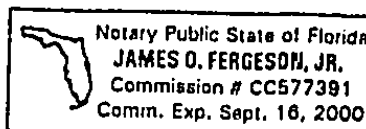
John W. Nelson

JOHN W. NELSON  
Secretary

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on December 18, 1996, by THOMAS BROWN and JOHN W. NELSON, who are personally known to me or who have produced n/a as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.

James O. Ferguson, Jr.  
(Name James O. Ferguson, Jr.)  
Notary Public  
Serial Number (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_



CONSENT TO USE OF NAME

The undersigned hereby consents to the change of Brown & Nelson Acquisition, Inc.'s name to Plantation Utility Group, Inc., inasmuch as both corporations are owned by related parties.

Executed this 18th day of December, 1996.

PLANTATION UTILITY GROUP, INC.

By: B  
Thomas Brown, President

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SARASOTA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on December 18, 1996, by THOMAS BROWN, who is ☒ personally known to me or ☐ who has produced N/A as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.

James O. Ferguson, Jr.

(Print or Type Name Here)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Serial Number (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Commission Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

