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Division of Corporations  
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Tallahassee, FL 32314

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SUBJECT: Echols Metering Service, Inc.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☒ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certificate

☐ \$122.50  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$131.25  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Wesley J. Ohland  
Name (Printed or typed)

2100 Durham Court  
Address

Mount Dora, Florida 32757  
City, State & Zip

(352) 383-8322 or 383-8891  
Daytime Telephone number

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ECHOLS METERING SERVICE, INC.**

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

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation is **ECHOLS METERING SERVICE, INC.**

**ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration is perpetual.

**ARTICLE III**

The purpose is to engage in any activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE IV**

The corporation is authorized to issue 1,000 shares, all of one class, at \$1.00 par value.

**ARTICLE V**

The name and address of the Initial Registered Agent is **THOMAS L. CLOSE** whose address is 1306 S. E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 and the principal office of this corporation is 2100 Durham Court, Mt. Dora, Florida 32757.

**ARTICLE VI**

This corporation shall have two (2) Directors initially, and the number of Directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time by an amendment of the By-Laws of the corporation in the manner provided by law, but shall never be less than one (1).

The name and address of the initial Directors of this corporation are:

**THOMAS L. CLOSE**  
1306 S. E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Okeechobee, Florida 34972

**WESLEY JAMES OHLAND**  
2100 Durham Court  
Mt. Dora, Florida 32757

#### **ARTICLE VII**

The name and address of the persons signing these Articles of Incorporation as Incorporator are:

**THOMAS L. CLOSE**  
1306 S. E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Okeechobee, Florida 34972

**WESLEY JAMES OHLAND**  
2100 Durham Court  
Mt. Dora, Florida 32757

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal By-Laws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

Directors need not be residents of this state or shareholders unless Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws so require.

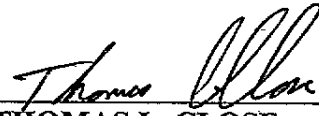
#### **ARTICLE X**

The shareholders shall have the power to adopt, amend, alter, change or repeal the Articles of Incorporation when proposed and approved at a stockholders meeting, with no less than a majority vote of the common stock issued and outstanding.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

If all Directors severally or collectively consent in writing to any action taken or to be taken by the corporation, and the writings evidencing their consent are filed with the Secretary of the corporation, the action shall be as valid as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

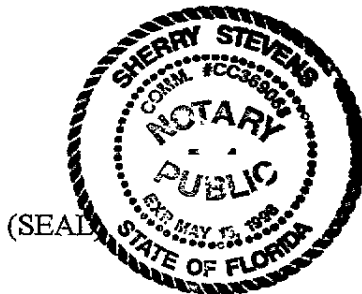
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporators and Initial Resident Agent has executed these Articles of Incorporations this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1997.

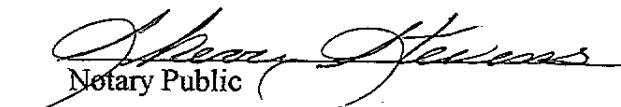
  
THOMAS L. CLOSE  
Incorporator

  
WESLEY JAMES OHLAND  
Incorporator

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared **THOMAS L. CLOSE** personally known by me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of ECHOLS METERING SERVICE, INC. as the Incorporator, and acknowledged to and before me that he executed such instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1997.



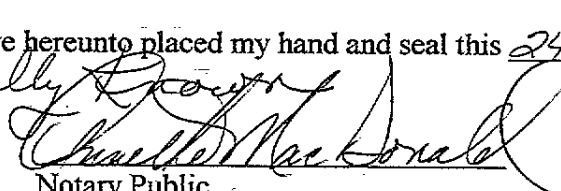
  
Notary Public  
Sherry Stevens  
Printed Name of Notary  
My commission expires: 5-15-98

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared **WESLEY JAMES OHLAND** personally known by me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of ECHOLS METERING SERVICE, INC. as the Incorporator, and he acknowledged to and before me that he executed such instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1997. *Personally Done*



Annette MacDonald  
MY COMMISSION # CC635168 EXPIRES  
July 12, 2001  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

  
Notary Public  
Annette MacDonald  
Printed Name of Notary  
My commission expires:

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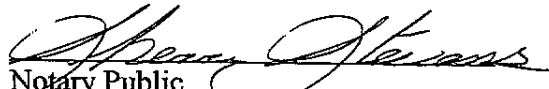
**ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, personally appeared **THOMAS L. CLOSE**, known to me to be the person who accepted designation as Registered Agent on behalf of ECHOLS METERING SERVICE, INC., and he acknowledged before me that he executed this Acceptance of Designation as Registered Agent freely and voluntarily.

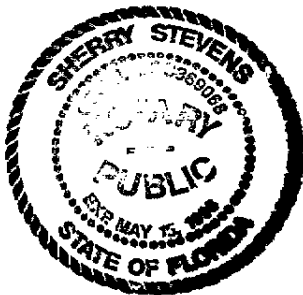
  
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**THOMAS L. CLOSE**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1997.

  
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Notary Public

Sherry Stevens  
Printed name of Notary  
My commission Expires: 5-15-98

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