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#### HAND DELIVERED

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Black's Island Electric Cooperative, Inc., Tariff Filing

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On Friday, June 23, 2000, we filed Tariffs for the Black's Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Black's Island"). Our cover letter indicated that we had included Black's Island's Articles of Incorporation as an attachment to the Tariffs; however, these were not attached.

Please find attached the Black's Island Articles of Incorporation that were omitted from the original filing of the Tariffs. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Sincerely,

John T. LaVia, III Florida Bar No. 853666

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Department of State

I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Incorporation of BLACK'S ISLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., a Florida corporation, filed on June 21, 2000, as shown by the records of this office.

The document number of this corporation is N0000004089.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this the Twenty-first day of June, 2000



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Katherine Harris Katherine Harris Secretary of State

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BLACK'S ISLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

The undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, natural persons competent to contract, hereby form a cooperative nonprofit membership corporation, under Chapter 425, Florida Statutes (the "Cooperative"), and do hereby certify that it has become such corporation under and pursuant to the following Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

### ARTICLE I Name

The name of the Cooperative is Black's Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the "Cooperative").

### ARTICLE II Duration

The Cooperative shall have perpetual existence, commencing on the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE III General Purpose Clause

The general nature of the business or businesses to be transacted by the Cooperative is to operate a cooperative nonprofit membership corporation under Chapter 425, Florida Statutes. This Cooperative shall have the powers set forth in Chapter 425, Florida Statutes (1999), and amendments and supplements thereto.

### ARTICLE IV Principal Office and Initial Registered Agent

<u>Section 1</u>. The principal office of the Cooperative within the State of Florida shall be located at the following address:

### 301 Monument Avenue Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

<u>Section 2</u>. The name and address of the initial registered agent of this Cooperative shall be:

William D. Koran 301 Monument Avenue Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

#### ARTICLE V Incorporators

The names and addresses of the five (5) incorporators of this Cooperative are as follows:

Name	<u>Address</u>
Bill Koran	404 Cape Plantation Port St. Joe, FL 32456
Janna Bush	404 Cape Plantation Port St. Joe, FL 32456
Paul Kumarickal	505 Garrison Avenue Port St. Joe, FL 32456
Glenda Savage	1471 E. Gulf Beach Drive St. George, FL 32328
Frank Koran	2415 Murray Avenue Tifton, GA 31794

### ARTICLE VI Board of Trustees

Section 1. The number of Trustees of Black's Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall be not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11), the number to be determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees. The names and addresses of those who are to serve as Trustees for the first term or until the election of their successors are as follows:

<u>Name</u> <u>Address</u>

Bill Koran 404 Cape Plantation Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Janna Bush 404 Cape Plantation Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Paul Kumarickal 505 Garrison Avenue Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Glenda Savage 1471 E. Gulf Beach Drive St. George, FL 32328

Frank Koran 2415 Murray Avenue Tifton, GA 31794

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the law, these Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Cooperative as the Board may deem advisable for the management, administration and regulation of the business and affairs of the Cooperative.

Section 3. A trustee, manager, or officer of the Cooperative shall not be liable to the Cooperative or its members for damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a trustee, manager, or officer, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitations thereof is not permitted under the Florida Statutes as the same exist or may hereafter be amended.

Any repeal or modification of the foregoing provision by the members of the Cooperative shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a trustee, manager, or officer of the Cooperative existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

The Cooperative shall indemnify any trustee, manager, or officer, against whom any proceeding is brought by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a trustee, manager or officer, against liability or expenses incurred in connection with any such proceeding, action or claim, including any appeal thereof, except to the extent such indemnity is not permitted under the Florida Statutes as the same exist or may hereafter be amended.

### ARTICLE VII Capital Stock

The Cooperative shall have no capital stock.

### ARTICLE VIII Bylaws

Section 1. The Bylaws of the Cooperative shall set forth the rights and duties of members and trustees and may contain other provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the Cooperative not inconsistent with Chapter 425, Florida Statutes, or with these Articles of Incorporation.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall adopt the original Bylaws of the Cooperative. Thereafter, Bylaws shall be adopted, amended or repealed by the Cooperative's members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this \_\_\_ 19 day of June\_ , 2000. BLACK'S ISLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. By: William D. Koran, Incorporator STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  $\frac{10}{100}$  day of  $\frac{1000}{1000}$ , 2000, by William D. Koran. JANNA'N, BUSH NOT aty 1-800-3-NOTARY File Notary Service & Bonding Co. [NOTARY STAMP] Personally known OR Produced Identification \_ \_\_ Type of Identification Produced\_\_\_\_\_

By: Janna A Bush
Janna Bush, Incorporator

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19th day of, 2000, by Janna Bush.    Carbon   Karry   Barbara J Knox   My Commission CC702423
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By:
Paul Kumarickal, Incorporator
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of, 2000, by Paul Kumarickal.
Notary Invance

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF \_ GUIF The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 10 day of 500, 2000, by Glenda Savage. ELEMP EXPIRES: Jul 20, 2003 1-800-3-NOTARY Fla. Notary Service & Bonding Co Personally known V OR Produced Identification Type of Identification Produced Frank Koran, Incorporator STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF GOLF The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 10 day of  $\overline{1000}$ , 2000, by Frank Koran. [NOTARY STA MY COMMISSION # CC 835273

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Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said act:

First, that BLACK'S ISLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida, has named William D. Koran, 301 Monument Avenue, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provision of said act relative to keeping open said office.

> WILLIAM D. KORAN Registered Agent

301 Monument Avenue

Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

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