IOWA UTILITIES BOARD ATTN: DENNIS J. NAGEL LUCAS STATE OFFICE BLDG. DES MOINES, IOWA 50319 14/0535) Polk

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MID-AMERICA REGULATORY CONFERENCE, INC.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is Mid-America Regulatory Conference, Inc. It is organized under Chapter 504A, Code of Iowa (1989).

#### ARTICLE II

The period of the corporation's duration is perpetual.

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# ARTICLE III

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are: By

- To advance the interests of the public arising out of and incident to the regulation of utility and transportation services in the states of Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin;
- To disseminate information and data to state regulatory commissions in the named states and elsewhere;
- 3. To provide a forum whereby utility and transportation regulators in the named states may express themselves, both in concert and individually, on issues involving the public interest; and
- 4. To exercise all the corporate powers under Chapter 504A, Code of Iowa (1989), or any amendments thereto, in furtherance of the above and any other lawful purpose.

#### ARTICLE IV

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation in the State of Iowa is the Iowa Utilities Board, Lucas State Office Building,

Des Moines, Iowa 50319, and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Dennis J. Nagel.

#### ARTICLE V

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is four, and the name and address of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

William D. Steinmeier
Missouri Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 360
Truman State Office Building
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Patricia S. Qualls Arkansas Public Service Commission 1000 Center Building P.O. Box C-400 Little Rock, Arkansas 72203 Darrel L. Peterson Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 780 American Center Building 160 East Kellogg Boulevard St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Marta Greytok Texas Public Utility Commission 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard Suite 400N Austin, Texas 78757

The bylaws of the corporation shall establish the provisions for removal and election of directors.

#### ARTICLE VI

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until such time as their successors are elected and qualify are:

William D. Steinmeier, President Missouri Public Utilities Commission P.O. Box 360 Truman State Office Building Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Patricia S. Qualls
First Vice President
Arkansas Public Service Commission
1000 Center Building
P.O. Box C-400
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Darrel L. Peterson Second Vice President Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 780 American Center Building 160 East Kellogg Boulevard St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Marta Greytok, Secretary-Treasurer Texas Public Utility Commission 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard Suite 400N Austin, Texas 78757

#### ARTICLE VII

The corporation shall have no members.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The corporation shall begin its corporate existence on the date on which the Secretary of State of the State of Iowa issues the Certificate of Incorporation.

### ARTICLE IX

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Dennis J. Nagel Iowa Utilities Board Lucas State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa 50319 FILED in the Office of the Secretary of State of Iowa Lowa Utilities Board Attn: Dennis J. Nagel ELAINE BAXTER, Secretary of St STATE OF IOWA COUNTY OF POLK On this 22M day of Canual \_\_\_\_\_, 1990, before me, the undersigned, a qualified Notary Public in and for said County in said State, personally appeared \_ \_\_, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged that \_\_\_ executed voluntary act and deed.

> Notary Public in Polk County, Iowa

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# ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

of a 504A Non-Profit corporation

1. The name of the corporation is the Mid-America Regulatory Conference, Inc., (The "Corporation"). The effective date of its incorporation was January 22, 1990.

2. The Corporation has adopted the following amendment to its Articles of Incorporation:

Amend the Articles of Incorporation by striking Article III, Section 1 and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

- To advance the interests of the public arising out of and incident to the regulation of utility and transportation services in the states of Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin;
- 3. The Corporation has no members and the Board of Directors of the Corporation met on June 4th, 1991, and adopted the amendment to its Articles of Incorporation described in Paragraph #2 by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

STATE OF IOWA

SS:

COUNTY OF POLK

I, Patricia S. Qualls , being first duly sworn on oath depose and state that I am the President of the Corporation, that I have read the statements contained in the foregoing Articles of Amendment, and they are

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, # day of June 1991.

County and State

#### ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT OF A 504A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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- 3. The Corporation has no members and the Board of Directors of the Corporation met on January 247, 1992, and adopted the amendment to its Articles of Incorporation described in Paragraph #2 by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

STATE OF IOWA

SS:

COUNTY OF POLK

I, MARTA GREYTOK, being first duly sworn on oath depose and state that I am the President of the Corporation, that I have read the statements contained in the foregoing Articles of Amendment, and they are true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 44th day of January 1992.

County and State

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- 3. The Corporation has no members and the Board of Directors of the Corporation met on June 7th, 1993, and adopted the amendment to its Articles of Incorporation described in Paragraph #2 by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

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STATE OF IOWA

SS: COUNTY OF POLK

being first duly sworn on oath depose and state that I am the President of the Corporation, that I have read the statements contained in the foregoing Articles of Amendment, and they are true and correct.

ribed and sworn to before me this  $\frac{77}{100}$  day of June 1993.

ELAINE BAXTER Secretary of State FILED

Time: 4

Filed by:

Notary Public in and for said County and State