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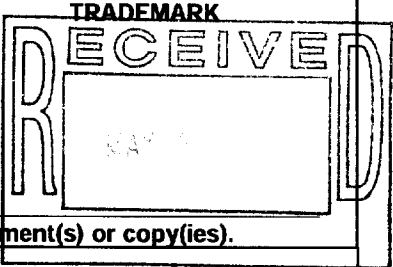
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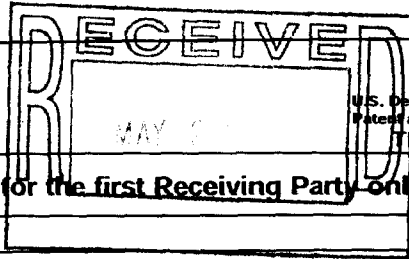
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**Trademark Application Number(s)**

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May 20, 1999

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# The State of Texas

## SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, hereby certifies that the attached Articles of Merger of

RELIANT ENERGY, INCORPORATED  
(a Delaware no permit entity)

with

HOUSTON INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED  
(a Texas corporation)

have been received in this office and are found to conform to law. ACCORDINGLY, the undersigned, as Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Merger.

Filed            MAY 7, 1999

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*Elton Bomer*  
Secretary of State

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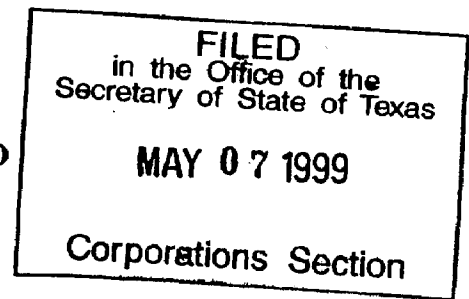
**ARTICLES OF MERGER**

**merging**

**RELIANT ENERGY, INCORPORATED**  
**(a Delaware corporation)**

**with and into**

**HOUSTON INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED**  
**d/b/a RELIANT ENERGY, INCORPORATED**  
**(a Texas corporation)**



(Pursuant to Article 5.16 of the Texas Business Corporation Act)

Houston Industries Incorporated d/b/a Reliant Energy, Incorporated, a Texas corporation (the "Company"), DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: That the Company is incorporated pursuant to the Texas Business Corporation Act.

SECOND: That Reliant Energy, Incorporated, a Delaware corporation ("REI-Delaware"), has 1,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, issued and outstanding as of the date hercof, and has no other shares of authorized capital stock.

THIRD: That the Company owns all of the outstanding shares of common stock of REI-Delaware.

FOURTH: That the Company, by the following resolutions of its Board of Directors, duly adopted on January 6, 1999, determined to merge REI-Delaware with and into the Company, with the Company continuing in existence following the merger as the surviving corporation:


"RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes and approves the merger of Reliant Energy, Incorporated, a newly-formed wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, with and into the Company (the "Merger"); and

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Appropriate Officers from time to time to take such actions and to execute and deliver such certificates, agreements, instruments, notices, listing applications, assumed name certificates and other documents, or to effect such filings, including, without limitation, listing applications, with any and all appropriate state, federal or foreign authorities and stock exchanges, including, without limitation, the New York Stock Exchange, or automated quotation systems, as may be required or as such officer may deem necessary, appropriate or desirable to facilitate the Name Change, to do business under the New Name, to effect the Merger or to protect the Intellectual Property Rights, all such actions to be

performed in such manner, and all such certificates, agreements, instruments, notices, listing applications, assumed name certificates and other documents to be executed and delivered in such form, as the officer performing or executing the same shall approve, the performance or execution thereof by such officer to be conclusive evidence of the approval by such officer and by the Company."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused these Articles of Merger to be signed by its authorized officer this 5th day of May, 1999.

HOUSTON INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED  
d/b/a RELIANT ENERGY, INCORPORATED

By:   
Rufus S. Scott  
Vice President, Deputy General Counsel  
and Assistant Corporate Secretary

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Jill Imhoff  
Printed Name

May 20, 1999  
Date