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ARTICLES OF MERGER OF WACHOVIA CORPORATION INTO FIRST UNION CORPORATION

Pursuant to \$55-11-05 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned corporation does hereby submit the following Articles of Merger as the surviving corporation in a merger between two domestic business corporations. 1. The name of the surviving corporation is: First Union Corporation ____, a corporation organized under the laws of North Carolina; the name of the merged corporation is ____ Wachovia Corporation a corporation organized under the laws of North Carolina. Upon effectiveness of these Articles of Merger, the name of the surviving corporation will be changed to "Wachayia Corporation" pursuant to an Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation contained in the Plan of Merger. 2. Attached is a copy of the Plan of Marger that was duly approved in the manner prescribed by law by each of the corporations participating in the merger. 3. With respect to the surviving corporation: Shareholder approval was not required for the merger. b. X Shareholder approval was required for the merger, and the plan of merger was approved by the shareholders as required by Chapter 55 of the North Carolina General Statutes. 4. With respect to the merged corporation: Shareholder approval was not required for the merger. b. X Shareholder approval was required for the merger, and the plan of merger was approved by the shareholders as required by Chapter 55 of the North Carolina General Statutes. 5. Pursuant to § 55-11-01(c)(1), the Plan of Merger contained in these Articles of Merger sets forth amendments to the surviving corporation's articles of incorporation. Upon these Articles of Merger being effective, the surviving corporation's articles of incorporation are hereby amended as provided in the Plan of Merger. 6. These Articles of Merger and the merger will be effective at 12:01 a.m. E.D.T., September 1, 2001. This is the 31st day of August 2001. First Union Corporation Name of Filing Corporation

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