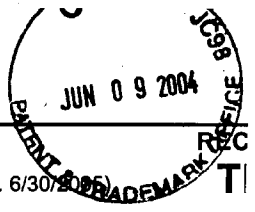


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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Fortis, Inc.

Individual(s) Association
 General Partnership Limited Partnership
 Corporation-State Nevada
 Other

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Assurant, Inc.

Internal Address:

Street Address: 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza

City: New York State: New York Zip: 10005

Individual(s) citizenship
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 Corporation-State Delaware
 Other

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A. Trademark Application No.(s):

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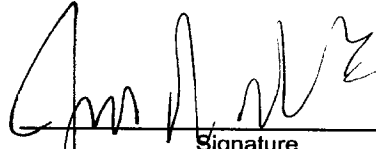
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ARTICLES OF MERGER**OF****FORTIS, INC.**

Pursuant to Chapter 92A.200 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, Assurant, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as the surviving entity, does hereby deliver the following articles of merger ("Articles of Merger") to the Nevada Secretary of State:

ARTICLE I

A. The name and jurisdiction of the merging entity is Fortis, Inc., a Nevada corporation ("Merging Entity").

B. The name and jurisdiction of the surviving entity is Assurant, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Surviving Entity").

ARTICLE II

An Agreement and Plan of Merger dated January 12, 2004 ("Plan of Merger") was adopted by the Merging Entity and the Surviving Entity. A copy of the complete, signed Plan of Merger is on file at the registered office of the Surviving Entity.

ARTICLE III

A. Approval of the Plan of Merger by the shareholders of the Merging Entity was required. The shareholders of the Merging Entity approved the Plan of Merger by the requisite number of votes in a special meeting of the shareholders of the Merging Entity dated January 12, 2004.

B. Approval of the Plan of Merger by the shareholders of the Surviving Entity was required. The shareholders of the Surviving Entity approved the Plan of Merger by the requisite number of votes in a meeting of the shareholders of the Surviving Entity dated January 12, 2004.

ARTICLE IV

There are no amendments to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Entity.

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ARTICLE V

Copies of process may be sent by the Nevada Secretary of State to the Surviving Entity at the following address:

Attention: Assurant, Inc.
One Chase Manhattan Plaza, 41st Floor
New York, New York 10005

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the following officers of the Merging Entity and the Surviving Entity, respectively, have duly signed and acknowledged this Articles of Merger on this 4th day of the February, 2004.

MERGING ENTITY:

Fortis, Inc., a Nevada corporation

By: Katherine Greengang

Name: Katherine Greengang

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

SURVIVING ENTITY:

Assurant, Inc., a Delaware corporation

By: Katherine Greengang

Name: Katherine Greengang

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary