

The State of South Carolina,

CHARTER

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WHEREAS, D. L. MACK, of Greer, S. C.

and

HENRY C. WINGO, of Kline, S. C.

did on the 27th. day of July, 19 53, file with the Secretary of State a written Declaration, signed by themselves, setting forth:

FIRST: That their names and residences are as above given.

SECOND: That the name of the proposed corporation is PIEDMONT SECURITIES, INC.

THIRD: That the principal place of business is GREER, S. C. (302 Randall Street)

FOURTH: That the general nature of the business which it is proposed to do is conduct a general lending agency, general insurance agency business, to acquire, own, improve, lease, mortgage, sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of real estate, and to do all other such matters that might be incidental or advantageous or proper in the conduct of any part of its business including the power to borrow and lend money.

FIFTH: That the amount of the capital stock is Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) - - - - - Dollars payable in cash.

SIXTH: That the number of shares into which the capital stock is divided is Five Thousand (5,000) of the par value of Ten (\$10.00) - - - - - Dollars.

SEVENTH: That, after due notice, a meeting of the subscribers was held on the 15th. day of July, 19 53, at which a majority of all stock in value being present in person or by proxy, the following were elected directors: D. L. Mack and Henry C. Wingo

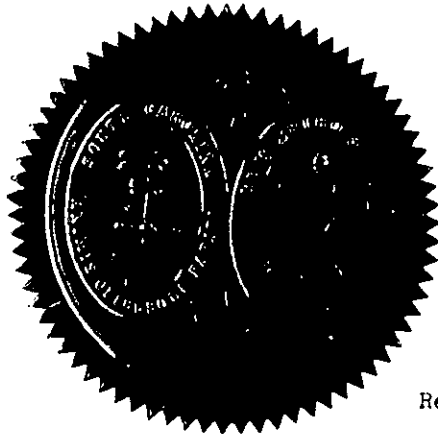
EIGHTH: That subsequently there was elected as President, D. L. Mack; as Vice-President, Henry C. Wingo; as Secretary, D. L. Mack; as Treasurer, D. L. Mack

NINTH: That all requirements of Article 2, Chapter 153, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1942, and all amendments thereto have been duly and fully complied with, 50 per cent. of the aggregate amount of the capital stock having been subscribed by bona fide subscribers, 20 per cent. of the capital stock subscribed having been paid to the Treasurer, and three days' public notice of the intention to file this Declaration with the Secretary of State having been given in Greenville News a newspaper published in the County of Greenville

NOW, THEREFORE, I, O. FRANK THORNTON, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the aforesaid Code and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby certify that the said Company has been fully organized according to the laws of South Carolina, under the name and for the purposes indicated in their written declaration, and that they are fully authorized to commence business under their charter; and I do hereby direct that a copy of this certificate be filed and recorded in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance or Clerk of Court in each county where such Corporation shall have a business office.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the State, at Columbia, this 27th. day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three and in the one hundred and seventy-eighth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

O. Frank Thornton Secretary of State.



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This charter reinstated as of January 8, 1959 See Deed Book 614 page 262.