

The State of South Carolina,

By the Secretary of State

Whereas Wm O Gresham of Simpsonville S.C. and W.D. Howler of Simpsonville S.C. did, on the 2nd day of October 1897, file with the Secretary of State a written Declaration signed by themselves, setting forth, First, The names and residences of the said petitioners to be as above given,

Second, The name of the proposed corporation to be that of The Simpsonville Telephone Company,

The principal place of business will be Simpsonville S.C. The general purpose of the corporation and the nature of business it proposes to do is to operate a telephone line between Simpsonville S.C. and other places if so desired,

Third, The amount of Capital Stock to be Two hundred Dollars, and the number of shares into which the same is to be divided, to be Forty of the par value Five Dollars each,

And whereas, On the 2nd day of October 1897, the said above named petitioners were commissioned by me a Board of Corporators authorizing and empowering them to open books of subscription to the Capital Stock of said proposed corporation giving not less than one days previous notice by advertisement in a newspaper published in the County of Greenville giving notice of the time and place where said books of subscription would be opened,

And whereas, The said Board of Corporators on the 13th day of November 1897, did file with the Secretary of State their return in writing over their signatures certifying among other things that the entire amount of Capital has been subscribed and paid in, that the Company has been duly organized with the following Board of Directors W O Gresham, W D Bozeman, J P Cox, and Officer W D Howler President,

Now Therefore I D W Tompkins Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested by an act of the General Assembly entitled An Act to provide for the Incorporation of certain corporations and to define the powers thereof, approved the 1st day of March 1896 do hereby certify that said

to the laws of South Carolina, under the name and for the purpose indicated, in their written Declaration and that they are fully authorized to commence business under their charter, and that a copy of this Certificate be filed and recorded in the office of the register of each Parishance in each County where such Corporation shall have a business office

Given under my hand and seal of the State, this 13th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven and in the one hundred and 2nd year of the Independence of the United States of America,

D W Tompkins Secretary of State

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Know all men by these Presents, that W J P, M S J, M J, N and M C Nabors of Greenville and in the State of South Carolina for and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Hundred and five Dollars to us in hand paid at and before the sealing of these presents by J M Nabors, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said J M Nabors, all that tract or parcel of land lying being and situated in State and County of said, beginning on a stone on Reedy River, and thence S 74 W 5 7, 8 7 to stone on Greenville Road, and thence S 8 E 14, 60 to S 3 4 on, thence S 79 E 19, 3 7 to stone, thence S 61 E 14, 60 to Rock Pile, thence N 74 E 19, 80 to Maple on River Bank, thence N 45 East River to beginning corner, containing one hundred and fifty and 5/100 acres, more or less (5 1/2) and bounded by lands of J M Nabors Lucy Carlton, W D Hopkins and J M Nabors

Together with all and singular the Rights Members, Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the said premises belonging, or in anywise incident or appertaining,

to have and to hold, all and singular the said premises before mentioned unto the said J M Nabors and heirs and assigns forever, and we do hereby warrant