

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF UNITED STATES NATIONAL GRID INSTITUTE**

The undersigned incorporators are individuals 18 years of age or older and adopt the following articles of incorporation to form a nonprofit corporation (Chapter 317A).

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be United States National Grid Institute.

**ARTICLE II - REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS**

The place in Minnesota where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is: 1360 University Avenue West, Suite 455, St. Paul, MN 55401.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The purpose of this corporation is to:

- promote emergency preparedness, emergency response, public safety, and other public benefits through awareness, understanding, and effective use of the United States National Grid federal geolocation standard;
- facilitate use of the United States National Grid among units of government, non-governmental organizations, institutions of learning, public corporations and private enterprise for the common good; and
- provide technical expertise, research, facilities, education, and funding to encourage use of the United States National Grid for public benefit.

## **ARTICLE IV - EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS**

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

## **ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP/BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This corporation will not have members.

The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined by the corporation's bylaws. No director shall have any right, title or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

Members of the initial board of directors shall serve until the first annual meeting, at which their successors will be duly elected and qualified, or removed as provided in the bylaws.

Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the board of directors may be taken by written action signed by the number of board members that would be required to take the same action at a meeting of the board at which all board members were present.

## **ARTICLE VI - PERSONAL LIABILITY**

No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

**ARTICLE VII - DURATION/DISSOLUTION**

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual until dissolution.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets of the corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

**ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATORS**

In witness whereof, we, the undersigned, have hereunto subscribed our names for the purpose of forming the corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota and certify we executed these Articles of Incorporation this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2022.

Incorporator Name: Stephen Douglas Swazee Sr.

Incorporator Address, City, State, ZIP: 4524 Oak Pond Road, Eagan, MN 55123

Incorporator Signature: 

Incorporator Name: Randall Darrell Knippel

Incorporator Address, City, State, ZIP: 9925 Iteri Ct. W., Lakeville, MN 55044

Incorporator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Incorporator Name: Barbara Jo Smith Kohlstedt

Incorporator Address, City, State, ZIP: 6544 Park Hill Road, Finland, MN 55603

Incorporator Signature: 