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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF A PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Company No. 5054461

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales hereby certifies that

IMPERIAL ENERGY CORPORATION PLC

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 as a public company and that the company is limited.

Given at Companies House, Cardiff, the 24th February 2004

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THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

Companies House
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The above information was communicated in non-legible form and authenticated by the Registrar of Companies under section 710A of the Companies Act 1985

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Electronic statement of compliance with requirements on application for registration of a company pursuant to section 12(3A) of the Companies Act 1985

Company number	5054461
Company name	IMPERIAL ENERGY CORPORATION PLC
I,	YORK PLACE COMPANY NOMINEES LIMITED
of	12 YORK PLACE LEEDS WEST YORKSHIRE LS1 2DS
a	person named as a director of the company in the statement delivered to the registrar of companies under section 10(2) of the Companies Act 1985

make the following statement of compliance in pursuance of section 12(3A) of the Companies Act 1985

Statement:	I hereby state that all the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 in respect of the registration of the above company and of matters precedent and incidental to it have been complied with.

Confirmation of electronic delivery of information

This statement of compliance was delivered to the registrar of companies electronically and authenticated in accordance with the registrar's direction under section 707B of the Companies Act 1985.

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First directors and secretary and intended situation of registered office

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Company Name in full: **IMPERIAL ENERGY CORPORATION PLC**

Proposed Registered Office:
12 YORK PLACE
LEEDS
WEST YORKSHIRE
LS1 2DS

memorandum delivered by an agent for the subscriber(s): **Yes**

Agent's Name: **YORK PLACE COMPANY SERVICES LIMITED**

Agent's Address:
12 YORK PLACE
LEEDS
WEST YORKSHIRE
ENGLAND
LS1 2DS

Company Secretary

Name **YORK PLACE COMPANY SECRETARIES LIMITED**

Address:
12 YORK PLACE
LEEDS
WEST YORKSHIRE
LS1 2DS

Consented to Act: **Y** *Date authorised* **24/02/2004** *Authenticated:* **Y**

Director 1:

Name **YORK PLACE COMPANY NOMINEES LIMITED**

Address: **12 YORK PLACE**
LEEDS
WEST YORKSHIRE
LS1 2DS

Consented to Act: **Y** *Date authorised* **24/02/2004** *Authenticated:* **Y**

Director 2:

Name **YORK PLACE COMPANY SECRETARIES LIMITED**

Address: **12 YORK PLACE**
LEEDS
WEST YORKSHIRE
LS1 2DS

Consented to Act: **Y** *Date authorised* **24/02/2004** *Authenticated:* **Y**

Authorisation

Authoriser Designation: **AGENT** *Date Authorised:* **24/02/2004** *Authenticated:* **Yes**

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 AND 1989

PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF

IMPERIAL ENERGY CORPORATION PLC

1. The Company's name is IMPERIAL ENERGY CORPORATION PLC.

2. The Company is to be a public company.

3. The Company's registered office is to be situated in England and Wales.

4. The Company's objects are:-

(a) To carry on business as a general commercial company.

(b) To purchase or by any other means acquire any freehold, leasehold or other property for any estate or interest whatever and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any property and any real or personal property or rights whatsoever which may be necessary for, or may be conveniently used with, or may enhance the value of any other property of the Company.

(c) To purchase, or by other means acquire and protect, prolong and renew, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere any patents, patent rights, brevets d'invention, licences, copyrights, secret processes, trade marks, designs, protections and concessions which may appear likely to be advantageous or useful to the Company in pursuit of any trade or business carried on by the Company and to use and turn to account and to manufacture under or grant licences or privileges in respect of the same, and to expend money in experimenting upon, testing and improving any patents, inventions or rights which the Company may acquire or propose to acquire.

(d) To acquire or undertake the whole or any part of the business, goodwill, and assets of any person, firm, or company carrying on or proposing to carry on any of the businesses which the Company chooses to carry on and as part of the consideration for such acquisition to undertake all or any of the liabilities of such person, firm or company, or to acquire an interest in amalgamate with, or enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, or for co-operation, or for limiting competition, or for mutual assistance with any such person, firm or company, and to give or accept, by way of consideration for any of the acts or things aforesaid or property acquired, any shares, debentures, debenture stock or securities that may be agreed upon, and to hold and retain, or sell, mortgage and deal with any shares, debentures, debenture stock or securities so received.

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(e) To improve, manage, cultivate, construct, repair, develop, exchange, let on lease or otherwise, mortgage, charge, sell, dispose of, turn to account, grant rights and privileges in respect of, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company.

(f) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required upon such securities and in such manner as may from time to time be determined.

(g) To lend or advance money or give credit to any persons, firms or companies or others having dealings with the Company upon such terms and with or without security and subject to such conditions as may seem desirable and to give guarantees or become security for any such persons, firms, companies or others.

(h) To guarantee support or to secure whether by personal obligation or covenant or by mortgaging or charging all or any part of the undertaking property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the Company or by any one or more or all of such methods or by any other method the performance of any obligations or commitments of, and the repayment or payment of the principal amounts of, and premiums, interest, dividends, and other moneys payable on or in respect of, any debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, shares or other securities, liabilities or obligations of any person firm or company, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any company which is for the time being a subsidiary or a holding company, as defined in section 736 of the Companies Act 1985, (as re-enacted by the Companies Act 1989 or any subsequent re-enactment or amendment thereof) or a subsidiary undertaking (as defined by Section 258 of the Companies Act 1985 or any re-enactment or amendment thereof) of the Company, or another subsidiary of such holding company or otherwise associated with the Company in business or through shareholdings.

(i) To borrow and raise money in any manner and to secure the repayment of oney borrowed, raised or owing by mortgage, charge, standard security, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the Company's property or assets (whether present or future), including its uncalled capital, and also by a similar mortgage, charge, standard security, lien or security to secure and guarantee the performance by the Company of any obligation or liability it may undertake or which may become binding on it.

(j) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes, bills of lading, warrants, debentures, and other negotiable instruments that may be incidental or conducive to the Company's commercial activity.

(k) To enter into any arrangements with any government or authority (supreme, municipal, local, or otherwise) or any corporations, companies or persons, that may seem conducive to the attainment of the Company's object and to obtain from any such government or authority, corporation, company or person, any charters, contracts, decrees, rights, privileges or concessions which the Company may think desirable and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such charters, contracts, decrees, rights, privileges and concessions.

(l) To subscribe for, take, purchase, or otherwise acquire and hold shares, stock or other interests in or obligations of any other company or corporation.

(m) To promote any other company for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property or undertaking or any of the liabilities of the Company, or of undertaking any business or operations which may appear likely to assist or benefit the Company or to enhance the value of any property or business of the Company, and to place or guarantee the placing of, underwrite, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire all or any part of the shares or securities of any such company as aforesaid.

(n) To sell, let, licence, develop or otherwise deal with the whole or any part of the undertaking of the Company, either together or in portions upon such terms, as the Company may think fit, with power to accept shares, debentures, or securities of any company purchasing the same.

(o) To undertake and perform sub-contracts and also to act in any of the businesses of the Company through or by means of agents, brokers, sub-contractors or others.

(p) To remunerate any person, firm or company rendering services to the Company either by cash payment or by the allotment subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 (or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof) to him or them of shares or other securities of the Company credited as paid up in full or in part or otherwise.

(q) To pay out of the funds of the Company all costs and expenses of or incidental to the promotion formation and incorporation of the Company, or to contract with any person, firm or company to pay the same, and to pay commissions to brokers and others for underwriting, placing, selling or guaranteeing the subscription of any shares or other securities of the Company.

(r) To purchase and maintain insurance policies to indemnify the officers and auditor of the Company against any costs, expenses and liabilities arising from negligence, default, breach of duty or trust incurred by them in discharge of their duties or in relation thereto pursuant to the provisions contained in section 310(3) of the Companies Act 1985.

(s) To support and subscribe to any charitable or public object and to support and subscribe to any institution, society, or club which may be for the benefit of the Company or its Directors or employees; to remunerate the Directors of the Company in any manner the Company may think fit and to pay or provide pensions for or make payments to or for the benefit of any persons who are or were at any time in the employment or service of the Company or of any company for the time being the Company's holding company or subsidiary company as defined by Section 736 of the Companies Act 1985 or otherwise associated with the Company in business and the wives, widows, families and dependants of any such persons; to make payments towards life insurance; to set up, establish support and maintain superannuation and other funds or schemes (whether contributory or non-contributory) for the benefit of any of

such persons as aforesaid and of their wives, widows, families and dependants, and to set up, establish, support and maintain profit sharing, share option or share purchase schemes for the benefit of any of the employees of the Company or of any such subsidiary or holding company and to lend money to any such employees or to trustees on their behalf to enable any such schemes to be established or maintained.

(t) To distribute any property of the Company in specie among the members.

(u) To do all such other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Company's objects or any of them.

AND it is hereby declared that

(i) None of the objects set forth in any sub-clause of this clause shall be restrictively construed but the widest interpretation shall be given to each such object, and the foregoing sub-clauses shall be construed independently of each other, except where the context expressly so requires and none of the objects therein mentioned shall be deemed to be merely subsidiary or ancillary to the objects contained in any other sub-clause; and

(ii) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-clause (u), such matters as are hereinbefore set out in sub-clauses (b) to (t) are deemed to be incidental or conducive to the Company's object; and

(ii) The word "Company" in this clause shall, except where used in reference to this Company, be deemed to include any partnership or other body of persons whether corporate or unincorporate and whether domiciled in any part of the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

5. The liability of the members is limited.

6. The Company's share capital is £50000 divided into 50000 shares of £1 each.

We, the subscribers to this Memorandum of Association, wish to be formed into a Company pursuant to this Memorandum; and we agree to take the number of shares shown opposite our respective names.

Names and addresses of subscribers and number of shares taken by each subscriber

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York Place Company Nominees Limited 12 York Place Leeds LS1 2DS	One
York Place Company Secretaries Limited 12 York Place Leeds LS1 2DS	One

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Dated 24 February 2004

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 AND 1989

PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

IMPERIAL ENERGY CORPORATION PLC

PRELIMINARY

1. (a) Subject as hereinafter provided the Regulations contained in Table A in the Schedule to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 as amended by the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and The Companies Act 1985 (Electronic Communications) Order 2000 (such Table being hereinafter called "Table A") shall apply to the Company.

   (b) In these Articles the expression "the Act" means the Companies Act 1985 but so that any reference in these Articles to any provision of the Act shall be deemed to include a reference to any statutory modification or re-enactment of that provision for the time being in force.

ALLOTMENT OF SHARES

2. (a) Directors shall have full control of shares which are comprised in the authorised share capital with which the Company is incorporated and may allot relevant securities (as defined in Section 80(2) of the Act) as authorised from time to time by the Company and during the period of five years commencing with the date of incorporation the Directors shall have authority to allot relevant securities to such persons and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as they may determine provided that the nominal value of the relevant securities allotted shall not exceed the authorised but unissued share capital of the Company for the time being and after the period of five years commencing with the date of incorporation of the Company the Directors may allot any relevant securities in pursuance of an offer or agreement so to do made by the Company within that period. The Authority hereby given may at any time be renewed, revoked or varied by Ordinary Resolution of the Company.

   (b) Save as permitted by Section 101(2) of the Act, no shares of the Company shall be allotted except as paid up at least to one quarter of their nominal value and the whole of any premium.

GENERAL MEETINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

3. Regulation 41 of Table A shall not apply. If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for a General Meeting the General Meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and

place or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Directors may determine; and if at the adjourned General Meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed therefor such adjourned General Meeting shall be dissolved.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

4. (a) Clause 64 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

(b) The maximum number and minimum number respectively of the Directors may be determined from time to time by Ordinary Resolution of the Company. Subject to and in default of any such determination there shall be no maximum number of Directors and the minimum number of Directors shall be two.

(c) No Director shall be liable to retire by rotation and Clauses 73 to 77 (inclusive) and Regulation 80 in Table A shall not apply to the Company. In Regulation 78 the words "and may also determine the rotation in which any additional directors are to retire" shall be deleted.

(d) The Company may by Ordinary Resolution in General Meeting appoint any person who is willing to act to be a Director, either to fill a vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors.

(e) The Directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Director, but so that the total number of Directors shall not at any time exceed the maximum number fixed in accordance with this article.

BORROWING POWERS

5. The Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money of unlimited amount upon such terms and in such manner as they think fit and subject (in the case of any security convertible into shares) to Section 80, 80A & 379A of the Act to grant any mortgage, charge or security over its undertaking, property and uncalled capital, or any part thereof, and to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

6. An alternate Director shall not be entitled as such to receive any remuneration from the Company, save that he may be paid by the company such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct, and the first sentence of Regulation 66 in Table A shall be modified accordingly.

DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

7. A Director shall be required to vacate his office if he becomes incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing and administering his property and affairs and Clause 81 in Table A shall be modified accordingly.

PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

8. (a) At any meeting of the Directors or of any committee of the Directors subject to disclosing his interest therein a Director may vote on any resolution notwithstanding that it in anyway concerns or relates to a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly any kind of interest whatsoever, and if he shall vote on any such resolution as aforesaid his vote shall be counted; and in relation to any such resolution as aforesaid he shall (whether or not he shall vote on the same) be taken into account in calculating the quorum present at the Meeting. Regulations 94 to 98 inclusive of Table A shall be construed accordingly.

9. Any director or member of a committee of the Directors may participate in a meeting of the Directors or such committee by means of conference telephone or other means of telephone radio or televisual communication whereby all the persons participating in the meeting can hear each other and any Director or member of a committee participating in such a meeting will be deemed to be present in person at such meeting.

INDEMNITY

10. Subject to Section 310 of the Act and in addition to such indemnity as is contained in Clause 118 of Table A every Director, officer or official of the Company shall be indemnified out of the funds of the Company or the proceeds of any insurance policy effected by the Company for such purpose against all costs charges losses expenses and liabilities incurred by him in the execution and discharge of his duties or in relation thereto.

SHARE CERTIFICATES

11. In the second sentence of Regulation 6 of Table A the words 'shall be sealed with the seal and' shall be deleted. Each share certificate shall only be issued by authority of the directors, or of a committee of the directors authorised by the directors, and shall bear the signature of one director and the company secretary or a second director.

COMPANY SEAL

12. Regulation 101 of Table A shall not apply to the Company. The company shall not be required to, but may, at the discretion of the Directors, keep a common seal. If such a seal is kept, it shall only be used by the authority of the Directors, or of a committee of the Directors authorised by the Directors, and the Directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by a director and the secretary or a second director.

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Dated 24 February 2004