

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: Appalachian Broadband Technologies, LLC's)
Application for Certificate of Authority to)
Provide Competitive Local Exchange Service.)**

STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

COMES NOW, Appalachian Broadband Technologies, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "ABT") and hereby files this Statement of Confidentiality pursuant to Commission Utility Rule 515-3-1.11 of the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission"), showing that some of the information contained in "ABT Application for Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Service" (the "Application") would provide economic benefit to competitors since the information is not generally known; provide economic benefit to others if disclosure were to occur; and the procedures utilized by ABT to maintain confidentiality comply with this Commission's rule.

The trade secret information sought to be protected is not generally known, and this information is not readily ascertainable to third parties by any proper means. ABT takes all appropriate and legal measures to ensure that such information is disseminated internally only to those with a need to know, and that all public measures are taken to protect the information when it is required to be filed in a public forum.

ABT has provided this confidential information under protective seal as part of its filing labeled "Trade Secret." ABT is also providing the Commission with a version of the filing designated "Public Disclosure;" which does not include the confidential information. ABT's Trade Secret Affidavit in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(34) and Commission Utility Rule 515-3-1-.11(c) is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

This the 9th day of April 2020.

Appalachian Broadband Technologies, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Belk", written over a horizontal line.

Paul Belk, CEO

EXHIBIT "A"

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AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths,
Paul Belk, who upon being sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1.

My name is Paul Belk. I am over the age of 18 years and am competent to testify to the matters herein. I make this Affidavit based upon my own personal knowledge and upon my review of the relevant documents. This Affidavit is made in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(34).

2.

I am the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of Appalachian Broadband Technologies, LLC ("ABT"), applicant in the above-styled docket.

3.

I personally reviewed the Application of ABT being filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Public Disclosure and Trade Secret versions.

4.

The Application contains information that constitutes a "trade secret" as such term is defined in O.C.G.A. § 10-1-761(4) inasmuch as the information derives economic value from not being generally known to others, if such information were revealed, others could obtain economic value

from its disclosure, and ABT takes all appropriate and legal measures to ensure that such information is disseminated internally only to those with a need to know, and that all public measures are taken to protect the information when it is required to be filed in a public forum.

FURTHER, Affiant saith not.



Paul Belk

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 9th day
of April 2020.

Alyssa Sellers (Seal)
Notary Public
My Commission expires: My Commission Expires April 18, 2022



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

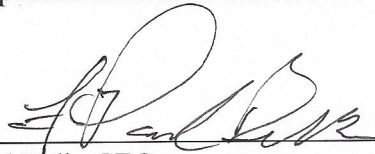
I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the within and foregoing **STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALY** upon the following persons by causing electronic copies of the same to be transmitted to each interested party that has supplied a valid email address as follows:

Mr. Reece McAlister
Georgia Public Service Commission
reecem@psc.state.ga.us

by the delivery method indicated above.

This 9th day of April 2020.

Appalachian Broadband Technologies, LLC



Paul Belk, CEO