**BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**IN RE: Implementation of House Bill 168 Docket No. 32235**

**AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF GEORGIA** )
)
**COUNTY OF CANDLER** )

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary, the within named Dustin Durden, who is resident of Candler County, State of Georgia, and makes this his/her statement and Affidavit upon oath and affirmation of belief and personal knowledge that the following matters, fact and things set forth below are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. files herewith its response to the Staff's First Set of Data Requests in Docket 32235 in compliance with Georgia Public Service Commission Utility Rule 515-3-1-.11. Said filing includes Company operational and financial data which the company designates as trade secret and protected information as those terms are defined and used in O.C.G.A. § 10-1-761(4).

The information derives economic value to the Company and to the Company's customers from not being generally known to others. Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. submits the data is highly confidential and competitively sensitive. Accordingly, consistent with the Company's own interests, and the interests of its customers, the Company protects against disclosure of this information.

Pursuant to the termsof Commission Rule 515-3-1-.11, Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is providing information under protective seal (each page is marked "Trade Secret"). In addition to the original marked as Trade Secret" Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is providing a public disclosure version of the filing with trade secret information redacted.

Dustin Durden
**Executive Vice President**

SWORN TO and subscribed before me, the undersigned Notary Public, the 25th day of January, 2023

My Commission expires 03/16/25

Denise E. Lee
Notary Public

