BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Generic Proceeding to Implement House Bill 168 **Docket No. 32235**

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary, the within named Duane D. Dickson, who is a resident of Dane County, State of Wisconsin, and makes this his 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 knowledge.

Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company, files herewith its request for High Cost funding from the Universal Access Fund dated December 15, 2023, including all workpapers and electronic files, in compliance with Georgia Public Service Commission Utility Rule 515-3-1-.11 and the Commission Orders in Docket Number 32235. 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. Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company submits the data are 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 terms of Commission Rule 515-3-1-.11, Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company is providing information under protective seal (each page is marked "Trade Secret"). In addition to the original marked as "Trade Secret" Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company is providing a Public Disclosure version of the filing with trade secret information redacted.

Duane D. Dickson
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SWORN TO and subscribed before me, the undersigned Notary Public, the 15th day of December, 2023.

My Commission expires 4/20/24

Notary Public

