BEFORE THE

GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

WAVERLY HALL'S STATEMENT FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

Waverly Hall Telephone, LLC ("Waverly Hall") hereby files this Statement for Trade Secret Protection for Waverly Hall's Cost Study Data, including all associated work papers pursuant to Section 515-3-1-.11 of the Rules of the Georgia Public Service Commission ("PSC"), and states as follows:

1. Rule 515-3-1-.11 requires that a party claiming that information constitutes a trade secret provide, in writing, that basis of this claim. Rule 515-3-1-.11(c) specifically requires that this statement detail (1) the economic benefit derived from the information not being generally known; (2) the economic benefit to others if disclosure were to occur and (3) the procedures utilized to maintain confidentiality. This statement is submitted pursuant to those requirements. Waverly Hall is submitting this statement in accordance with the Commission's rules requiring submission of cost studies stating expenses and revenues associated with the Universal Access Fund High-Cost Applications. The expenses and revenues and other financial information included in these studies are trade secret.

2. The subject trade secret material is the expense and revenue data derived from the conducting cost studies.

3. The release of this expense and revenue information would disadvantage Waverly Hall by providing its competitors an unfair competitive advantage by disclosing data regarding Waverly Hall's customers and finances that is not generally known

and would not be readily ascertainable to third parties by any proper means. Waverly Hall 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.

4. Release of Waverly Hall proprietary customer information to the general public would provide Waverly Hall's competitors an unfair advantage in a competitive market.

This 9th day of December 2025.

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