February 23, 2026

via Alternative Electronic Filing

Ms. Sally Tanner
Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Ms. Tanner:

On behalf of Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company ("Company"), please find enclosed copies of the responses to Staff's First Set of Data Requests in Docket No. 32235 regarding the Company's request for High Cost funding from the Universal Access Fund. This filing is made in accordance with the Alternative Electronic Filing Procedures established March 17, 2020. The required paper copies, both public disclosure and trade secret, will be filed by the Company at a later date, either once the Alternative Electronic Filing Procedure policy has been discontinued or upon request by the Commission.

Public Disclosure Filing:
Enclosed is an electronic copy of the public disclosure filing containing this transmittal letter, the public disclosure filing page, and an affidavit which includes a request for Trade Secret Treatment.

Trade Secret Filing:
Enclosed is an electronic copy of the trade secret filing which contains the full responses to each Data Request. **Please note that this information is being filed as Trade Secret under Section 515-3-1.11.**

An affidavit signed by a responsible company official attesting to the validity and correctness of the financial data provided, including a request for Trade Secret Treatment under Section 515-3-1-.11, is submitted with this letter.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 608-664-4410.

Sincerely,

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