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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA

COUNTY OF FLOYD

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary, the within named Duane D. Dickson, who is a resident of Deschutes County, State of Oregon, 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 Responses to Staff's First Set of Data Requests filed on January 26, 2026, including all workpapers and electronic files, 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. 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.

Signed by:
Duane D Dickson
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Duane D. Dickson
Sr. Manager – Regulatory Strategy & Financial Analysis

SWORN TO and subscribed before me, the undersigned Notary Public, the 23th day of February, 2026.

JODETTE L. FRIEDRICH
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My Commission Expires 8/2/2028

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