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February 27, 2026

Ms. Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: Docket No. 12897: Universal Service Fund Grant Program to Assist Low-Income Senior Citizens and Other Low-Income Citizens

Dear Ms. Tanner:

Pursuant to the Georgia Publix Service Commission's Final Order on October 22, 2025, approving USF low-income emergency assistance credits, which requires all certified natural gas marketers to file an annual report by February 28th certifying they have applied USF dollars as directed by in the Commission-approved order.

The required protected information is being submitted under protective seal with the designation "TRADE SECRET" prominently attached to each page thereof in an original.

At the same time a version of the document containing the protected information which can be used for public disclosure with the designation "PUBLIC DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT" prominently attached to each page thereof is being submitted by means of its Alternative Electronic Filing Procedures.

If you have any questions, please call me at 770-266-2594.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Ashlie Franklin

Ashlie Franklin,
Commercial Account Executive
Walton Energy
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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE:)
Walton EMC Natural Gas)
USF Low-Income Emergency Assistance) **Docket No. 12897**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the Georgia Public Service Commission Order on October 22, 2025 Walton EMC Natural Gas is filing its Annual USF Low-Income Emergency Assistance Report as "Trade Secret".

Walton EMC Natural Gas states that the retail natural gas marketplace is heavily competitive, and other marketers would gain significant economic advantages from knowing Walton EMC Natural Gas' accounting practices, including the number of unclaimed customer deposits, which can provide the basis for marketing strategies as well as an analysis of the strength of the company. Walton EMC Natural Gas can only maintain its ability to compete effectively and achieve success in the marketplace by keeping such information confidential. Walton EMC Natural Gas only shares such information with persons in its senior management, its Board of Directors, and persons providing financial, consulting or other special services who need to know such information to function effectively in their relationship with Walton EMC Natural Gas, and who will keep such information confidential.

This is to certify that I have this 27th day of February 2026, filed the required protected information, specifically **Walton EMC Natural Gas' Annual USF Low-Income Emergency Assistance Report,** submitted under protective seal with the designation "TRADE SECRET" prominently attached to each page thereof.

At the same time, I have filed a version of the document containing the protected information that can be used for public disclosure with the designation "PUBLIC DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT" prominently attached to each page. An electronic version of the "PUBLIC DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT' is also enclosed. The two above-mentioned versions have been filed in accordance with the Alternative Electronic Filing Procedures outlined on the Commission's home web page.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of February 2026.

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AFFIDAVIT OF ASHLIE FRANKLIN

CAME BEFORE, the undersigned attesting officer, Ashlie Franklin, who, being duly sworn, deposed, and stated as follows:

1.

My name is Ashlie Franklin. I am over the age of eighteen, suffer from no legal disabilities and am able to give this Affidavit.

2.

I am the Commercial Account Executive of Walton EMC Natural Gas and have been duly authorized by Walton EMC Natural Gas's Board of Directors to prepare this Affidavit and cause it to be submitted along with any such filings made with the Public Service Commission it deems to contain trade secrets.

3.

As required by O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(34), I hereby declare that Walton EMC Natural Gas's filing of its annual USF Low-Income Emergency Assistance report contains trade secrets pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

4.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is true, correct, and complete.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Ashlie Franklin

Ashlie Franklin
Commercial Account Executive
Walton EMC Natural Gas
Walton Energy

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

27th day of February 2026.

Darlene P Butler

NOTARY PUBLIC

DARLENE P BUTLER
My Commission Expires
NOTARY PUBLIC
June 22, 2026
WALTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

My Commission Expires:

June 22, 2026

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

February 27, 2026

Walton EMC Natural Gas

Docket No. 12897- Universal Service Fund – Low-Income Emergency Assistance

IN RE: Universal Service Fund Grant Program to Assist Low Income Senior Citizens and Other Low-Income Citizens

Number of Low Income-Customers Receiving USF Credit	**Redacted**

USF Funds Received from AGL	**Redacted**
USF Funds Credited to Low-Income Customers	**Redacted**
USF Funding Remaining Balance	**Redacted**

Date Remaining Balance Wire to the USF	**Redacted**