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. Waverly Hall is submitting this statement in accordance with the Commission's rules requiring submission of financial data in response to Staff's Second Set of Data Requests in Docket No. 32235-U associated with the Universal Access Fund High-Cost Filing. The expenses and revenues and other financial information included in these studies are trade secrets.

2. The subject trade secret material is financial data, including all associated workpapers, related to the Universal Access Fund High-Cost Filing.

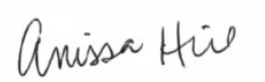
3. The release of this expense and revenue information would disadvantage Waverly Hall by providing its competitors with an unfair competitive advantage by disclosing data regarding Waverly Hall's customers and finances that is not generally known and would not be readily ascertainable to third parties 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 18th day of March 2026.

Waverly Hall Telephone, LLC.



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