BEFORE THE

GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BLUE RIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S STATEMENT FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

Blue Ridge Telephone Company ("Blue Ridge") hereby files this Statement for Trade Secret Protection for Blue Ridge's Financial 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. Blue Ridge is submitting this statement in accordance with the Commission's rules requiring submission of financial data associated with the Annual Filing Form M. The expenses and revenues and other financial information included are trade secret.

2. The subject trade secret material is financial data, including all associated workpapers, related to the Annual Report and Filing of Form M.

3. The release of this expense and revenue information would disadvantage Blue Ridge by providing its competitors an unfair competitive advantage by disclosing data regarding Blue Ridge's customers and finances that is not generally known and would not be readily ascertainable to third parties by any proper means. Blue

Ridge 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 Blue Ridge's proprietary customer information to the general public would provide Blue Ridge's competitors an unfair advantage in a competitive market.

This 29th day of April 2026.

Blue Ridge Telephone Company

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