BEFORE THE

GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NELSON-BALL GROUND TELEPHONE COMPANY'S STATEMENT FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company ("Nelson-Ball Ground") hereby files this Statement for Trade Secret Protection for Nelson-Ball'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. Nelson-Ball Ground 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 Nelson-Ball Ground by providing its competitors an unfair competitive advantage by disclosing data regarding Nelson-Ball Ground's customers and finances that is not generally known and would not be readily ascertainable to third parties by any

proper means. Nelson-Ball Ground 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 Nelson-Ball Ground's proprietary customer information to the general public would provide Nelson-Ball Ground's competitors an unfair advantage in a competitive market.

This 29th day of April 2026.

Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company

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