BEFORE THE

GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATEMENT FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

Blue Ridge Telephone Company, Camden Telephone and Telegraph Company, Inc., Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company, and Quincy Telephone Company (the "Companies") hereby file this Statement for Trade Secret Protection for the Companies' 2026 Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) CAF ICC Output Form pursuant to Section 515-3-1-.11 of the Rules of the Georgia Public Service Commission ("PSC"), and state 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. This statement is submitted pursuant to those requirements. The Companies are submitting this data in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") WC Docket No. 10-90. The data in these reports is trade secret.
2. The subject trade secret material is the 2026 USAC CAF ICC Output Form.
3. The release of this data would disadvantage the Companies by providing their competitors an unfair competitive advantage by disclosing data regarding the Companies' financial information that is not generally known and would not be readily ascertainable to third parties by any proper means. The Companies take 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 the Companies' proprietary information to the general public would provide the Companies' competitors an unfair advantage in a competitive market.

This 16th day of June 2026.

BLUE RIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY
CAMDEN TELEPHONE and TELEGRAPH COMPANY, INC.
NELSON-BALL GROUND TELEPHONE COMPANY
QUINCY TELEPHONE COMPANY

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