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Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
ATTN: Ms. Sallie Tanner
Executive Director

RE: Filing of Rate of Return Regulation Election Certification for Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company
O.C.G.A. § 46-5-165(e)(2)
Universal Access Fund
Docket No. 32235

Dear Ms. Tanner:

Under O.C.G.A. § 46-5-165(e)(2), as amended by House Bill 998 (Act 636) during the 2026 Regular Session of the Georgia General Assembly, an eligible Tier 2 local exchange company may elect to become subject to rate-of-return regulation under The Telecommunications and Competition Development Act of 1995 (Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated) by certification to the Georgia Public Service Commission no later than August 1, 2026. Accordingly, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-165(e)(2), as amended by House Bill 998 during the 2026 Regular Session of the Georgia General Assembly, on behalf of Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company, I am enclosing and ask that you accept for filing in the referenced docket a Certification of Election by Eligible Tier 2 Local Exchange Company to Become Subject to Rate of Return Regulation for Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company.

The enclosed certification is intended to provide formal notice to the Commission of Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company's election to become subject to rate-of-return regulation in accordance with the Act.

Please file this certification in the above-referenced docket of the Commission and take such further administrative action as may be necessary to reflect the election.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. Please contact me immediately if this document is not sufficent to complete the election for Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company. Additionally, please contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thanks and best regards.

Very truly yours,

Robert F. Leverett

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Enclosures

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Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company

July 20, 2026

Hon. Jason Shaw, Chairman
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company – Rate of Return Regulation Election Certification
O.C.G.A. § 46-5-165(e)(2)

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION
BY ELIGIBLE TIER 2 LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY
TO BECOME SUBJECT TO RATE OF RETURN REGULATION

Dear Chairman Shaw:

As an authorized representative of Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"), I hereby certify to the Public Service Commission that: (1) the Company is an "eligible Tier 2 local exchange company" as such term is defined in O.C.G.A. § 46-5-165(e)(1), as amended by House Bill 998 (Act 636) during the 2026 Regular Session of the Georgia General Assembly; and (2) effective as of the date of this letter, the Company hereby elects, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-165(e)(2), as amended by House Bill 998 (Act 636) during the 2026 Regular Session of the Georgia General Assembly, to become subject to rate-of-return regulation.

This certification is made in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 46-5-165(e)(2), as amended by House Bill 998 (Act 636) during the 2026 Regular Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which authorizes certain Tier 2 local exchange companies to elect to become subject to rate-of-return regulation by certification to the Commission no later than August 1, 2026.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter as sufficient to accomplish such election and take appropriate action with respect to implementing this election.

Sincerely,

Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company

By: _____

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