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August 4, 2026

Mrs. Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30334

RE: Georgia Public Service Commission Docket. No. 3 Southern Communications Services, Inc. - Universal Service Certification 47 USC 254(e); 47 CFR § 54.314;

Dear Ms. Tanner:

I hereby request that the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") notify the Universal Services Administrative Company ("USAC") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that Southern Communications Services, Inc. is eligible to receive federal high-cost support in accordance with the above-referenced statute and federal rule.

I, William Peters, attest that for Study Area Code 229006 all federal high-cost support provided to Southern Communications Services, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year (**2025**) and will be used in the coming calendar year (**2027**) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

In order to receive federal high-cost support beginning January 1 of each year, the Commission must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the year before. Southern Communications Services, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2026, that Southern Communications Services, Inc. is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for 2027.

Sincerely,

William Peters
Regulatory Affairs Manager
Southern Communications Services, Inc.

AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME the undersigned authority, appeared Bryant Peters, who deposed and said:

I, Bryant Peters, attest that for Study Area Code 229006 all federal high-cost support provided to Southern Communications Services, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year (**2025**) and will be used in the coming calendar year (**2027**) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am employed by Southern Communications Services, Inc., as its Regulatory Affairs Manager. I am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Georgia Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R 54.314

William Peters

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Regulatory Affairs Manager
Southern Communications Services, Inc.

SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me this 4 day of August, 2026.

NOTARY PUBLIC

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 5/3/2030

BRANDON THOMAS JANEWAY NOTARY PUBLIC FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 03, 2030