BEFORE THE

GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

PLANTERS'S STATEMENT FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

Planters Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and its Subsidiaries ("Planters") hereby files this Statement for Trade Secret Protection for Planters' Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, 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. This statement is submitted pursuant to those requirements
2. The subject trade secret material is the audited consolidated financial statements.
3. The release of this expense and revenue information would disadvantage Planters by providing its competitors an unfair competitive advantage by disclosing data regarding Planters' customers and finances that is not generally known and would not be readily ascertainable to third parties by any proper means. Planters 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 Planters' proprietary financial information to the general public would provide Planters' competitors an unfair advantage in a competitive market.

This 13th day of October 2026.

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