



Public Service Commission

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 TO: Tommy Williams, Division of Communications
 FROM: David J. Draper, Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis *DS*
 RE: Docket No. 990214-TI, US Communication Service, Inc., Financial Analysis for Certificate Application for Intrastate Interexchange Telecommunications Service *ALM APC*

Section 364.337 (3), Florida Statutes, requires the following:

The commission shall grant a certificate of authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications service upon a showing that the applicant has sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capability to provide such service in the geographic area proposed to be served.

Also Section 364.01 (3) and (4) states that:

(3) The Legislature finds that the competitive provision of telecommunications service, including local exchange telecommunications service, is in the public interest.

and

(4)(d) The Commission shall exercise its exclusive jurisdiction in order to: (d) Promote competition by encouraging new entrants into telecommunications markets . . .

Regarding the showing of financial capability, the Finance staff has analyzed the unaudited financial statements of US Communication Service, Inc. (USC) for the period ending December 31, 1998. An audit could change one's opinion of the company's financial condition. The applicant requested confidential treatment of its financial statements. Based on a review of USC's financial information, staff has determined that the company has sufficient financial capability to provide requested service.

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In this matter, USC is asking for a certificate to provide IXC service. For purposes of granting a certificate based on the financial information provided, the financial capability appears adequate. The applicant attests to its financial capability by noting that it has adequate liquid assets to provide and maintain the proposed telecommunications service. Based on this showing, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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