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**DATE:** October 11, 1999

**TO:** Nancy Pruitt, Division of Communications

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RE: Docket No. 991446-TX, Universal Access, Inc., Financial Analysis for Certificate

Application for Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Service

Section 364.337 (1), Florida Statutes, requires the following:

The commission shall grant a certificate of authority to provide alternative local exchange 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 Universal Access, Inc. (UAI) 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. For purposes of granting a certificate based on the financial information provided, the financial capability appears adequate.

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