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DATE: May 30, 2000

TO: Tommy Williams, Division of Regulatory Oversight

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FROM: Pete Lester, Division of Economic Regulation

RE: Docket No. 000431-TX, Urban Media of Florida, 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 audited financial statements of Urban Media Communications Corporation, the parent company of Urban Media of Florida, Inc. (UMF). The applicant requested confidentiality for its parent company's financial statements.

In this matter, UMF is asking for a certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service. Staff notes the limited nature of the application.

The applicant attests to its financial capability to provide and maintain the proposed telecommunications service by noting that it will be backed financially by its parent company and that it will have access to private lender financing. Based on this showing, the applicant appears to ...meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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