

Bublic Service Commission

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DATE:

September 22, 1997

TO:

Tom Williams, Division of Communications

FROM:

RE:

David J. Draper, Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis Docket No. 98000 FI, Communication Opportunity, Inc., Financial Analysis for

Certificate Application for Intrastate Interexchange Telecommunications Service

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 Communication Opportunity, Inc. (COI) for the ten month period ending January 31, 1997. An audit could change one's opinion of the company's financial condition. As the attached schedule shows, COI has adequate liquidity, sufficient common equity and reports a positive net income for the period.

In this matter, COI 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 to provide and maintain the proposed telecommunications service by noting that the Company will maintain capital from internally generated funds. Based on this showing, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337. Florida Statutes.

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IXC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

FROM UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR A TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING 01/31/97

CURRENT ASSETS	\$285,778
CURRENT LIABILITIES	72,043
CURRENT RATIO	3.97
CASH	46,220
COMMON EQUITY	96,132
TOTAL DEBT	200,000
TOTAL INVESTOR CAPITAL	298,132
COMMON EQUITY RATIO	32%
NET INCOME	S1, 519
RETURN ON EQUITY	54%

NMF = No Meaningful Figure