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Public Service Commission

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DATE: August 16, 1996

TO: Tom Williams, Division of Communications

FROM: Pete Lester, Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis

RE: Docket No. 960621-TI, Cincinnati Bell Long Distance, 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 audited financial statements of Cincinnati Bell Long Distance, Inc. The company has adequate liquidity and ownership equity but it has declining profitability due to extraordinary charges.

Based on this financial analysis and the fact that Cincinnati Bell has a AA-bond rating, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

cc: Division of Legal Services
Division of Records and Reporting

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DOCKET NO. 960621-TI CINCINNATI BELL LONG DISTANCE, INC. INTEREXCHANGE CERTIFICATE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

FROM AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS	TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 12/31/95	TWELVE MONTH ENDING 12/31/94
CURRENT ASSETS	341	398
CURRENT LIABILITIES	327	383
CURRENT RATIO	1.04	1.04
CASH	3	78
COMMON EQUITY	478	552
PREFERRED STOCK	. 0	0
TOTAL DEBT	274	597
TOTAL INVESTOR CAPITAL	752	1,149
COMMON EQUITY RATIO	64%	48%
NET INCOME	(32)	73
RETURN ON EQUITY	NMF	13%
NMF = NO MEANINGFUL FIG	SURF	