



Public Service Commission

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DATE: August 10, 1999
TO: Nancy Pruitt, Division of Communications
FROM: Pete Lester, Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis
RE: Docket No. 990931-TX, Premiere Network Services, Inc., Financial Analysis for Certificate Application for Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Service

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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 . . .

In this matter, Premiere Network Services, Inc. (Premiere) is asking for a certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service. Regarding the showing of financial capability, Premiere requested and was granted confidentiality for its financial statements. The Finance staff has analyzed the financial statements of Premiere. Staff notes the limited nature of the application. For purposes of granting a certificate based on the financial information provided, the financial capability appears adequate.

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The applicant attests to its financial capability to provide and maintain the proposed telecommunications service and has provided evidence for such in its confidential filing. Based on this showing, 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 (2)