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DATE: August 11, 1999
TO: Tommy Williams, Division of Communications
FROM: Pete Lester, Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis
RE: Docket No. 990893-TI, Ozark Telecom, Inc., Financial Analysis for Certificate Application for Intrastate Interexchange Telecommunications Service

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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 National Bankcard Services, Inc., the parent company of Ozark Telecom, Inc. (Ozark), for the period ending March 31, 1999. An audit could change one's opinion of the company's financial condition. As the attached schedule shows, Ozark's parent company has adequate liquidity, sufficient common equity and reported a positive net income for the period.

In this matter, Ozark is asking for a certificate to provide IXC service. 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.

The applicant attests to its financial capability to provide and maintain the proposed telecommunications service by noting that it is a switchless reseller and does not have significant capital investment. Ozark states it intends to fund its operations through internally generated cash and that it can borrow funds, based on its parent company's capability, if necessary. Based on this showing, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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Re: Docket No. 990893-TI

Dear Mr. Steinhart:

This will acknowledge receipt of an application for certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications service by Ozark Telecom, Inc., which was filed with this office on July 8, 1999 and assigned the above-referenced docket number. Appropriate staff members will be advised.

Mediation may be available to resolve any dispute in this docket. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to an administrative hearing. For more information, contact the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6078 or FAX (850) 413-6079.

Please make notes as well that Commission Rule 25-22.005(7), F.A.C., requires certificated companies to notify the Commission of any changes in name, telephone, address, or contact person. Should your application be granted by the Commission, you will be expected to comply with this rule by advising us of any changes as they occur.

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