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DATE: August 31, 2000
TO: Nancy Pruitt, Division of Regulatory Oversight
FROM: David J. Draper, Division of Economic Regulation *DD*
RE: Docket No. 001142-TX, Telera Communications, Inc., Financial Analysis for Certificate Application for Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Service *ALM*

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 unaudited financial statements of Telera Communications, Inc. (TCI) for the period ending December 31, 1999. An audit could change one's opinion of the company's financial condition. The applicant requested confidential treatment of its financial statements. Based on a review of the applicant's financial information, the company's financial capability appears adequate.

In this matter, TCI is asking for a certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service. 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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