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DATE: November 6, 2000
 TO: Tommy Williams, Division of Regulatory Oversight
 FROM: Pete Lester, Division of Economic Regulation *PL*
 RE: Docket No. **001424-TX**, Sphera Optical Networks N.A., 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 . . .

Regarding the showing of financial capability, the Finance staff has analyzed the financial statements of Sphera Optical Networks N.A., Inc. (Sphera). The company requested confidentiality for its financial statements.

In this matter, Sphera is asking for a certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service. Staff notes the limited nature of the application.

The applicant attests to its financial capability to provide and maintain the proposed telecommunications service. The applicant requested confidentiality for its statement of financial capability. Based on this showing, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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**Re: Change of Business Address for Sphera Optical Networks N.A., Inc. d/b/a
Sphera Networks (Docket No. 001424-TX)**

Dear Ms. Bayo:

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This letter is in reference to Sphera Optical Networks N.A., Inc. d/b/a Sphera Networks' ("Sphera") Application for Authority to Provide Alternative Local Exchange Service in the State of Florida filed on September 15, 2000. This letter is to inform you that Sphera recently moved its offices and has a new customer support number that customers may call 24 hours a day seven days a week. Sphera's new address, telephone number, and facsimile number are:

Sphera Optical Networks N.A., Inc. d/b/a Sphera Networks
666 Third Avenue, Second Floor
New York, New York 10017
Tel.: (646) 205-4700
Fax.: (646) 487-1960

Sphera's new toll-free customer support number is 1-800-352-4095.

Sphera respectfully requests that the Commission update its records to reflect Sphera's change of address, contact numbers, and customer support number.

Enclosed please find an original and six (6) copies of this filing. Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the attached self-addressed, postage prepaid

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envelope provided. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

cc: Aaron Kitlowski, *Sphera Optical Networks N.A., Inc.*