

State of Florida



# Public Service Commission

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**DATE:** January 5, 2001  
**TO:** Nancy Pruitt, Division of Regulatory Oversight *ALM*  
**FROM:** Pete Lester, Division of Economic Regulation *PL*  
**RE:** Docket No. 001621-TX, Comm South Companies, 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 Comm South Companies, Inc. (CSC). The company requested confidentiality for its financial statements.

In this matter, CSC 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 by noting that it intends to fund the provision of service through internal capital, proceeds from the sale of equity interests and capital raised from other sources. Based on this showing, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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