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DATE: January 22, 2001
TO: Tommy Williams, Division of Regulatory Oversight
FROM: Christine G. Romig, Division of Economic Regulation *ALM*
RE: Docket No. 001716-TI, American Fiber Systems, Inc., Financial Analysis for Certificate Application for Intrastate Interexchange Telecommunications Service

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 financial statements of American Fiber Systems, Inc. (AFS) for the period ended August 31, 2000. The applicant requested confidential treatment of American's financial statements.

In this matter, AFS is asking for a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications service. The applicant attests that it has access to the financing and capital necessary to provide and maintain the requested service and to meet its lease or ownership obligations. For purposes of granting a certificate, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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