



# Public Service Commission

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**DATE:** January 22, 2001  
**TO:** Tommy Williams, Division of Regulatory Oversight  
**FROM:** Christine G. Romig, Division of Economic Regulation *ALM CR*  
**RE:** Docket No. 001717-TX, American Fiber Systems, 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 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 alternative local exchange 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. Based on this showing, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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