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June 9, 1998

TO:

Kelly Biegalski, Division of Communications

FROM:

Pete Lester, Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis

RE:

Docket No. 980491-TI, Coral Communications, Inc., Financial Analysis

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 unaudited financial statements of Coral Communications, Inc. (Coral) for the period ending December 31, 1997. An audit could change one's opinion of the company's financial condition. As the attached schedule shows, Coral has adequate liquidity and profitability. The company has a somewhat low equity ratio.

In this matter, Coral is asking for a certificate to provide IXC service. Staff notes the limited nature of the application. For purposes of a staining a certificate based on the financial information provided, the financial capability appears adequate.

The applicant attests to its financial capability to provide and maintain the proposed telecommunications service by noting that it has good liquidity and has access to additional sources of capital from its owners and from banks. Based on this showing, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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DOCKET NO. 980491-TI CORAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. IXC CERTIFICATE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS ATTESTATION DONE

FROM UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

148,745
117,762
1.26
86,107
62,103
133,878
0
195,981
32%
478,015
770%