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DATE: August 20, 1998

TO: Kelly Biegalski, Division of Communications

David J. Draper, Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis FROM:

RE: Docket No. 980911-TI, Hold Billing Services, Ltd d/b/a HBS Billing Services, 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 audited financial statements of Hold Billing Services, Ltd d/b/a HBS Billing Services (HBS) for the period ending December 31, 1997. As the attached schedule shows, HBS has minimal liquidity, but reports sufficient common equity and positive net income.

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In this matter, HBS is asking for a certificate to provide IXC service. For purposes of granting AFA a certificate based on the financial information provided, the financial capability appears APP adequate. The applicant attests to its financial capability to provide and maintain the proposed telecommunications service by noting that HBS has a \$7.5 million revolving line of credit with CAF a capital lending corporation. Based on this showing, the applicant appears to meet the financial CMU capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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IXC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

FROM UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	AS OF 12/31/97 (000)
CURRENT ASSETS	\$15,509
CURRENT LIABILITIES	17,498
CURRENT RATIO	0.89
CASH	959
COMMON EQUITY	2,479
TOTAL DEBT	0
TOTAL INVESTOR CAPITAL	2,479
COMMON EQUITY RATIO	100%
NET INCOME	795
RETURN ON EQUICY	32%
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NMF = No Meaningful Figure