

## Public Service Commission

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DATE:

October 19, 1998

TO:

Nancy Pruitt, Division of Communications

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FROM:

David J. Draper, Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis

RE:

Docket No. 980799-TI, Business Options, 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 unaudited financial statements of Business Options, Inc. (BOI) 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, BOI has adequate liquidity, sufficient common equity and reported a positive net income for the period.

In this matter, BOI is asking for a certificate to provide IXC service. For purposes of granting a certificate based on the financial information provided, the financial capability appears adequate. The applicant attests to its financial capability by noting that it has adequate liquid assets to provide and maintain the proposed telecommunications service. Based on this showing, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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Division of Legal Services

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## DOCKET NO. 980799-BUSINESS OPTIONS, INC.

NET INCOME

RETURN ON EQUITY

NMF = No Meaningful Figure

## IXC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

## FROM UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	AS
	OF
	12/31/97
CURRENT ASSETS	\$286,674
CURRENT LIABILITIES	96,447
CURRENT RATIO	2.97
CASH	42,070
COMMON EQUITY	191,632
TOTAL DEBT	0
TOTAL INVESTOR CAPITAL	191,632
COMMON EQUITY RATIO	100%

117,466

61%