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TO: Tommy Williams, Division of Communications

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

RE: Docket No. 990470-TX, The John Galt Telephone Company, Financial Analysis for Certificate Application for Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Service *APC*

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 audited financial statements of The John Galt Mortgage Company, sister company of The John Galt Telephone Company (JGT), for the period ending December 31, 1998. As the attached schedule shows, JGT has adequate liquidity, sufficient common equity and reported positive income for the period.

In this matter, JGT is asking for a certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications 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 to provide and maintain the proposed telecommunications service by noting that the applicant can rely upon the financial support of its sister company if needed. Based on this showing, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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