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TO:

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

Docket No. 000287-TI, Purepacket Communications of the South, 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 balance sheet of Purepacket Communications of the South, Inc. (PPC) for the period ending December 8, 1999. An audit could change one's opinion of the company's financial condition. As the attached schedule shows, PPC has marginal liquidity and negative common equity. The company does not have an income statement at this time.

In this matter, PPC 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 minimal.

Although an analysis of the financial statements reveals the applicant is in a minimal financial position, the applicant attests to its financial capability to provide and maintain the proposed telecommunications service by noting that it is a start-up company with \$7 million in liquid assets and is in the process of securing long-term financing to support its short-term loans. Based on this showing, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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IXC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

FROM UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF 12/08/1999

CURRENT ASSETS \$7,197,365

CURRENT LIABILITIES 7,520,000

CURRENT RATIO 0.96

CASH 7,133,338

COMMON EQUITY (322,635)

TOTAL DEBT

TOTAL INVESTOR CAPITAL (322,635)

COMMON EQUITY RATIO NMF

NET INCOME

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