

## Public Service Commission

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DATE: March 12, 1997

TO: Tom Williams, Division of Communications

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

RE: Docket No. 970110-TX, COMUSA, Inc., Financial Analysis for Cert
Application for Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Service

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.

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(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 statement for the period ending March 1, 1997 and the projected income statement for 1997, of COMUSA, Inc. (COMUSA). An audit could change one's opinion of the company's financial condition. As the attached schedule shows, COMUSA projects a net income for 1997 and has sufficient liquidity but reports marginal common equity.

|   | In this   | matter,     | COMUSA is     | asking for   | a certifica  | te to provid  | e alternative | local exchange    |
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| _ | telecon   | nmunicati   | ons service.  | Staff note   | s the limite | d nature of   | the applicat  | ion and that no   |
| - | Custom    | er provid   | ed funds appe | ar to be at  | risk. For p  | urposes of g  | ranting a cer | tificate based on |
| _ | -the fina | incial info | ormation prov | ided, the fi | nancial capa | bility appear | s marginal.   |                   |

Although an analysis of the financial statements reveals the applicant is in a marginal financial position, the applicant attests to its financial capability to provide and maintain the proposed telecommunications service. The applicant notes that it has available to it a credit line of swenty-five thousand dollars arranged through Halifax Reality and Mortgage Company. Based on this representation, the applicant appears to meet the financial capability standard of Section 364.337, Florida Statutes.

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## ALTERNAT LOCAL EXCHANGE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

## FROM UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

|                        | AS<br>OF<br>03/01/97 |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS         | \$2,000              |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES    | 0                    |
| CURRENT RATIO          | NMF                  |
| CASH                   | 2,000                |
| COMMON EQUITY          | 1,000                |
| TOTAL DEBT             | 4,000                |
| TOTAL INVESTOR CAPITAL | 5,000                |
| COMMON EQUITY RATIO    | 20%                  |
| NET INCOME (PROJECTED) | 285,780              |
| RETURN ON EQUITY       | NMF                  |