

Public Service Commission

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DATE: March 15, 1996

TO: Tom Williams, Division of Communications

FROM: Sonja Jones, Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis 505 APC.

RE: Docket No. 960276-TX, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Financial Analysis for Certificate 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.

ACK ——Also Section 364.01 (3) and (4) states that:

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(3) The Legislature finds that the competitive provision of telecommunications service, including local exchange telecommunications service, is in the public interest.

(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 BellSouth Telecommunications. Inc. (BSTI) for the period ending December 31, 1995. As the attached schedule shows, BSTI has adequate liquidity and ownership equity, but reports negative net income.

In this matter, BSTI is asking for a certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service. Staff notes the limited nature of the application and that no customer provided funds appear to be at risk. For purposes of granting a certificate based on the financial information provided, the financial capability of the company appears adequate.

cc: Division of Legal Services
Division of Records and Reporting

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BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

FROM AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF

12/31/95

CURRENT ASSETS \$4,653,000,000

CURRENT LIABILITIES 3,266,000,000

CURRENT RATIO 1.42

CASH 1,084,000,000

COMMON EQUITY 7,967,000,000

TOTAL DEBT 9,118,000,000

NET INVESTOR CAPITAL 17,085,000,000

COMMON EQUITY RATIO 47%

NET INCOME (1,379,000,000)

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