February 15, 2013

Lynn Fabrizio New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

Re: IR 13-038 Stakeholder Review of New Hampshire Utility Assessment

Dear Ms. Fabrizio:

This letter is the response of segTEL, Inc., to Staff discovery requests in the above-named docket.

segTEL is a competitive local exchange provider in New Hampshire, and in that role files annual reports and pays utility assessments to the Commission. segTEL wishes to participate fully in the proposed review of the current assessment regime.

segTEL has read the responses of Unitil Energy Systems (Unitil) and New England Cable and Telecommunications Association (NECTA) submitted earlier today. segTEL concurs with the objections of Unitil that the discovery requests numbered one through three call for a legal conclusion. Notwithstanding this objection, segTEL believes that NECTA's remarks offer an astute analysis of the current legal status of the Commission's assessment practices.

For the remaining three questions, since the Commission has not, in the past, required a break-out by state of regulated and nonregulated, intrastate and interstate (except in the case of retail toll), direct and pass-through, development of such analysis will take some time. segTEL will be happy to provide this information to the Commission under seal when it is available.

Please add/retain Jeremy Katz and me on the service list for this docket; <u>jeremy@segTEL.com</u> and <u>kath@segTEL.com</u>. As a discovery response, this letter is being supplied via email.

Sincerely,

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