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Kevin M. Shea Director segTEL, Inc. P.O. Box 610 Lebanon, NH 03766

Re:

DT 11-036, segTEL Petition to Construct and Maintain Fiber Optic Cable Over and Across Public Waters of the Merrimack River in Hooksett, NH

Dear Mr. Shea:

On February 23, 2011, segTEL, Inc. (segTEL) filed a petition with the Commission pursuant to RSA 371:17 for a license to construct and maintain fiber optic cable over and across the Merrimack River in the Town of Hooksett. An amendment to the petition was filed on May 27, 2011, indicating changes in the proposed construction, namely that the cable would be attached to an existing municipally owned bridge. Included with the amendment was a copy of the license granted by the Town of Hooksett for segTEL's proposed construction of the fiber optic cable on the bridge.

On September 21, 2011, Staff filed a report of its review of the petition and recommending that the petition be dismissed. Staff points out that the Commission determined in Order No. 6217, 35 NHPUC 94 (1953) that the licensing requirements of RSA 371:17 "shall not include crossings having supports attached to public highway bridges, except where such crossings are below the bridge clearance." Staff states that it conducted a field visit and that the crossing will be attached to existing stanchions above the bridge clearance.

Based on its review of the petition and amendment, as well as Staff's memorandum, the Commission has determined that a license pursuant to RSA 371:17 is not required for the proposed cable crossing. As a result, this docket will be closed.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director