

May 27, 2011



Debra Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: **DT 10-183** **Status of CLEC Registrations in Rural ILEC Territories**

Dear Ms. Howland:

segTEL wishes to call the Commission's attention to the attached Declaratory Ruling released by the Federal Communications Commission this morning. For your convenience, I've attached a copy.

In this Ruling the FCC clarifies "...that LECs are obligated to fulfill all of the duties set forth in sections 251(a) and (b) of the Act, including the duty to interconnect and exchange traffic, even if the LEC has a rural exemption from the obligations set forth in section 251(c)." The FCC notes that this decision will "...give competitors the opportunity to offer "triple-play" services (voice, video, and data) by providing interconnection with incumbent carriers in the same area."

In addition, the FCC "reaffirm[s] that providers of wholesale telecommunications services enjoy the same rights as any other telecommunications carrier under sections 251(a) and (b) of the Act." The FCC went on to say that it believes "...the guidance provided in this Declaratory Ruling is necessary to remove substantial uncertainty regarding the scope of sections 251 and 252 in state commission proceedings."

segTEL has provided copies to the service list via electronic mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kath Mullholand".

Kath Mullholand
Director of Operations

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