



The Friday Report

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Thank You To The Following Associate Members for Renewing Their Membership

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Corning Optical Communications
Goldfield Telecom, L.C.
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Innovative Systems
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MAPCOM Systems
Mid America Computer Corporation (MACC)
Tii Technologies Inc.
UNITEL Insurance
Walker and Associates
ZyXEL Communications

INDUSTRY NEWS

- The saga which is Jessica Rosenworcel's continued tenure as FCC Commissioner added another chapter this week as outgoing President Obama renominated her to serve another term. Stay tuned.
- Very quiet from the President-elect lately on the AT&T-Time Warner merger, but several media reports this week cite sources who offered that he still thinks the union is a bad idea. Trump opposed the merger several times during the campaign; believing that the combined entity concentrates too much power in the media industry.

LEGISLATURE

- The House and Senate have finished announcing their committee leadership teams and a select few are noted below:

Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure: Senator Tommy Tomlinson (R), and Senator Lisa Boscola (D), **Senate Communications & Technology:** Senator Ryan Aument (R) and Senator Art Haywood (D), **House Consumer Affairs:** Representative Bob Godshall (R) and Representative Tom Caltagirone (D).

- New legislators were sworn in on Tuesday, and both chambers kick-off the 2017-18 session on January 23rd.
- Governor Wolf starts the new session with one formally announced challenger for his job. York County Senator Scott Wagner said earlier this week that "I did file, and my campaign is imminent. I will be formally announcing next week. We've got a large team assembled, we're well-funded, and we expect to come out of the gate hard."

THE DAILY NUMBER

- 2,100,000

Yesterday, T-Mobile said that it added 2.1 million net new customers during the final quarter of 2016. The company now has 71.5 million subscribers.

QUOTABLE

- "You really need to listen to what issues people outside Washington are concerned about."
- "I think there is an extreme danger if we stay within our inside-the-beltway bubble."

The respective (and quite agreeable) comments of FCC Commissioners Mike O'Rielly and Mignon Clyburn at this week's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas regarding expectations for a new, Republican-led Commission.

In more partisan fashion, O'Rielly offered that he is "looking forward to the next Commission whole-heartedly." Commissioner Clyburn noticed that her colleague "smiled a little too much" when offering that particular comment.