

## SSMUG Newsletter

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Today, all the major ISPs (Comcast, AT&T, Time-Warner (!), etc) sent a letter to the FCC begging not to be classed as Public Utilities. This would mean increased regulation. It would mean that they could not charge web sites for 'enhanced services', they would have to serve small towns, they would not be able to chafe extra for faster speeds, and they would have minimum service requirements - and would have to offer the same services to all their customers (fiber optic, etc)..

YOUR EDITOR has been predicting this would happen for years. And now it has. The sad fact for the ISPs is that they cannot have the kind of market penetration that they have and the lack of competition that they have and remain unregulated for long.

### Beats Electronics

It seems that in spite of their high par ices and Apple Store prices, they are the second to the worst manufacturer of audio devices. I guess that "Cool" does not equate to "Good".

I am unable to find the article that I had in mind, but here is another in the same vein.

From Mac Daily News:

"Beats. A triumph of marketing over sound quality. Kosner has obviously swallowed Beats' marketing hook, line, and sinker. A pox on you, Anthony, for ever daring to mention "Apple" and "quality" in the same sentence as "Beats" whose audio [hardware](#) is, to be generous, overhyped mediocrity at best.

Read more at <http://macdailynews.com/2014/05/08/why-would-apple-want-to-blow-3-2-billion-on-beats-electronics/#8Mc8GUEMdfCeXkLy.99>"

### iOS 8

It looks like Surfaces split-screen multitasking may be coming to iOS. Also, iOS 8 will not run (probably) on the iPad 2 and anything below the iPhone 5.