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Dear Valued Customer,

Happy New Year! Whether you're working from home, using our connections as a healthcare provider, teaching the next generation, tracking packages, using our services for finances, or rely on our connections to stream the latest in entertainment, we're glad you've chosen PenTeleData. We want to keep you connected this year and beyond, so if there's something we can do to help your business succeed, please don't hesitate to call us.

Thank you for your business and continued support.

Jaime Mendes
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PENTELEDATA IS PROUD TO SERVE DINGMANS FERRY, PA

In 1735, a Dutchman named Andrew Dingman moved from New York to Pennsylvania. He was a pioneer settler on the bank of the Delaware River, in a place that became known as Dingmans Choice. Andrew Dingman saw potential for growth in this area and built a ferry boat from trees that he cut with a hand ax. He ran the ferry crossing himself at first, then hired Joseph Ennis to operate it. The business grew as roads were built leading to the ferry on both sides of the river. During the French and Indian War, many settlers used the ferry to escape to safety in New Jersey.

As the area grew, there were problems with the ferry service. High water, ice chunks in the river, and timber rafts floating down the river all caused challenges for the ferry. People also grew impatient with the delays when the ferry was busy. In 1834, Daniel Dingman and several others took action to incorporate the Dingmans Choice and Delaware Bridge Company with a charter enacted by both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. By 1836, a wooden covered bridge was built and the ferry was retired.

The bridge was destroyed by heavy winds and rebuilt three times. As a result, the ferry was once again put into operation. In 1868, the post office department changed the name of the town from Dingmans Choice to Dingmans Ferry, as it is still called today.

The ferry service continued until 1900, when the owners of the Horseheads Bridge Company in Horseheads, New York became interested in it. The three owners—brothers James, Will and E.A. Perkins—were in possession of an old railroad bridge that had once crossed the Susquehanna River in Muncy, Pennsylvania. This truss bridge was made of pin-hung wrought iron, and originally consisted of five spans. The Perkins brothers brought three spans of this bridge to Dingmans Ferry and erected them at the same location as the previous three bridges, but on new piers that were six feet higher than the old ones. This bridge has remained in service now for roughly 115 years at its current location.

The Dingmans Choice and Delaware Bridge Company has remained privately owned. Most of its 50-some shareholders are descendants of the Perkins brothers from Horseheads. In 2003, the Federal Highway Authority listed only 16 privately owned toll bridges in the country.

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OUR FAST CONTEST

A car traveling at 50mph (80kph) uses half its fuel to overcome what?

One lucky winner will receive a \$150 Amazon gift card. Rack your brain and figure out the answer to the brain teaser. Then send us an e-mail with your full name, address, daytime telephone number (where we can contact you), and the answer to the brain teaser below, to chat@corp.ptd.net All entries must be received by 1/31/24.

Good Luck! PenTeleData

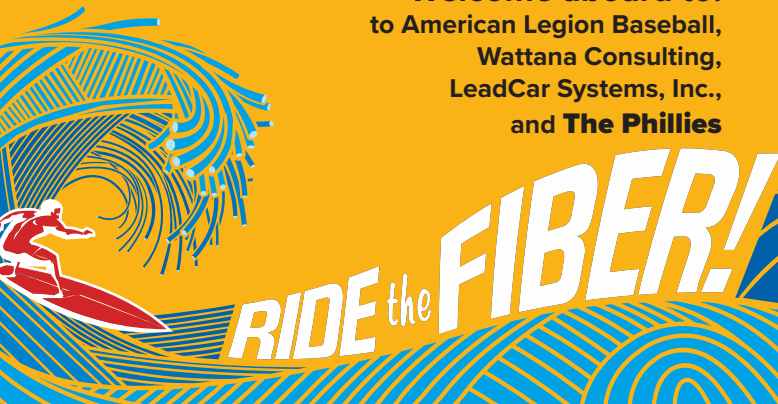
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Happy New Year!
 From our families to yours, best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2025!

WELCOME ABOARD!

We appreciate the opportunity to serve companies who have chosen to ride PenTeleData's Fiber Network.

Welcome aboard to:
 to American Legion Baseball,
 Wattana Consulting,
 LeadCar Systems, Inc.,
 and The Phillies



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In the early 1960's, the Army Corp. of Engineers devised a plan to dam the river just south of Dingmans Bridge, at Tocks Island. They acquired the land by eminent domain in the mid-twentieth century for the creation of the proposed Tocks Island Dam project and relocated the community further up the hill. Local objections to the dam and purchasing of land had delayed the project for years, but preparations ended for certain when it was learned that the proposed dam site was on a fault line. Instead, the land purchased by the Corps was converted to the Delaware National Recreation Area.

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New Year, New Password: Use MFA Too!

Most of us already know the basics: do not use personal information in your password, avoid using real words, use mixed punctuation and characters, choose longer passwords, don't recycle, etc. That's obvious. But are you also using Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)? MFA is a layered approach to securing data and applications where a system requires a user to present a combination of two or more credentials to verify a user's identity for login. MFA increases security because even if one credential becomes compromised, unauthorized users will be unable to meet the second authentication requirement and will not be able to access the targeted physical space, computing device, network, or database.

Implementing MFA makes it more difficult for an adversary to gain access to business and clinical systems, such as remote access technology, email, and billing systems, even if passwords are compromised through phishing attacks or other means.

TAKE A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO PHYSICAL SECURITY

When it comes to cybersecurity, many focus on staying safe from hackers and viruses, but physical security, including a clean desk policy, can be just as important.

For example: You're a manager at your desk and you're reviewing salaries for everyone on your team, but time for a coffee break. While you step away, another employee walks past and sees all that salary data. Five minutes later the whole team knows and now you're in trouble because you didn't secure your area when you walked away.

When it comes to workspace security, there's no such thing as I'll be right back. Even if you're just going for a quick break, leaving unsecure data in your workspace can cause big problems. That's why a clean desk policy is important. It doesn't just protect data; it helps you comply with the law.

Clean desk policies can be summed up in three points: plan, protect, and pick up:

- Plan ahead and bring out only what you need for the day. Keep everything else locked away.
- Protect information. Whenever you step away from your work area, protect what's left behind, lock your computer screen and put your papers away.
- Pick up when you're done for the day and put everything in a secure location.