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**NextLight wins affordability awards from BroadbandNow**  
*National ISP database ranks service among best prices in nation*

LONGMONT, CO - Longmont's NextLight internet service has been rated among the most affordable in the nation, receiving two awards from BroadbandNow, an online service that tracks and analyzes basic internet provider information nationwide.

BroadbandNow rated NextLight in the top 10 mid-sized providers in the nation for "Most Affordable Gig Internet Plans," recognizing its \$69.95/month symmetrical residential gigabit service. The cost drops to \$59.95 after one year. NextLight's symmetrical 25 megabit service, offered to homes for \$39.95/month, was also rated in the top 10 mid-sized providers in the nation for "Most Affordable Broadband Plans." In both cases, NextLight was the only Colorado ISP to make the list.

"We believe that affordable broadband options are vital to the future of the U.S. economy, and we're proud to recognize providers who share this view," BroadbandNow said in its rankings.

Susan Wisecup, the acting general manager of Longmont Power & Communications (LPC), said the recognition reflected NextLight's community-first orientation.

"As a community-owned utility, we constantly work to provide our residents and businesses with the high-quality service they deserve: in speed, in reliability, and as seen today, in price," Wisecup said. "We're glad to have BroadbandNow recognize what NextLight's supporters have always known - that our customers are our first priority."



LPC has also worked with the Longmont Community Foundation and Longmont Children, Youth & Families to help connect low-income families to NextLight. The new initiative, called Sharing the NextLight, offers a free 25-megabit connection to qualifying Longmont families with children in the St. Vrain Valley School District. Residents can donate and find more information at [www.longmontcolorado.gov/SharingTheNextLight](http://www.longmontcolorado.gov/SharingTheNextLight); \$60,000 in donations must be raised by July 1 in order to connect 100 families for the 2019-2020 school year. About \$21,300 has been raised so far.

NextLight also received national recognition earlier this month, winning a Cornerstone Award at the Broadband Communities Summit in Austin, Texas for its successful citywide fiber deployment. It was also recognized in 2018 by PC Magazine as the fastest internet service provider in the nation, and by the National Civic League as one of the factors that made Longmont an All-America City.

### **About Longmont Power & Communications**

Longmont Power & Communications is a community-owned, not-for-profit electric and internet services utility that operates under the direction of Longmont City Council. Established in 1912, our goal is to deliver electric and communications services that provide outstanding value to our customer-owners. In 2014, we began to build and operate the NextLight fiber-optic broadband system, which is now the fastest ISP in the country and has made Longmont the first “gigabit city” in Colorado. To learn more, visit [www.longmontcolorado.gov/lpc](http://www.longmontcolorado.gov/lpc).