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Hi Shahab,

Here are my notes from last Friday's meeting of the Broadband Working Group created by Councilor Champine's resolution.

- Michael Velarde with Gigapower – joint trenching in good in green fields but is also anti-competitive and will create more delays and more cost
- Catherine Nicolaou asked if there are different sizes of conduit that the companies can use. Michael Velarde answered yes but there are issues associated with using larger conduit.
- Richard Estrade with Ezee Fiber – Let's come up with plausible alternatives in the spirit of the rule
- The group talked about overbuilding.
- Vexus/MetroNet said they are willing to go into other areas
- Michael Velarde with Gigapower mentioned how Gigapower has avoided areas that their competitors have gone into

- Vexus/MetroNet mentioned they feel like they've done everything they've been asked to do.
- Richard Estrada with Ezee Fiber – suggested that an action item for this meeting should be to get the 3 companies together and create their own working group
- Toni Broberg with Gigapower – Gigapower is willing to work with Ezee Fiber and make recommendations
- Dean Serna with Horrocks – the City of Albuquerque is well within their authority. Compliance from the companies is needed while minimizing impact to the city.
- City council's last meeting will be June 16<sup>th</sup>. No meeting in July. This group must have everything ready by August 18<sup>th</sup> to be present to City Council at September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- Second issue the group discussed was the 6 month moratorium.
- Michael Velarde with Gigapower recommended that the city separate residential vs backhaul for conduit sharing. Let the companies construct middle mile w/a moratorium.
- Stacy with Vexus/Metronet brought up a concern. These rules need to be equally applied to Lumen and Comcast.
- Toni Broberg with Gigapower: Shouldn't Lumen and Comcast be held to the same standards?
- Regulation #5: companies expressed concern about a threshold for complaints. Catherine explained that the broadband office separates complaints based on the type of complaint/call/inquiry.
- Kris Smith with Vexus/MetroNet said that they appreciate the spirit of the rules.
- Mark Leech asked the companies, "how do you guys get the word out and educate residents better?" He told them to bring some ideas to the next meeting.
- Michael Velarde with Gigapower suggested that maybe companies can collaborate with NM811.
- Laura, CEO of NM811: Residents want to be heard. She offered the NM811 facility for a town hall Q&A to assist in these efforts. NM811 already educates each caller and helps de-escalate the situation.
- Kris Smith with Vexus/MetroNet: Vexus can offer their PR group and do ride alongs to better educate the community.
- Elaine Romero asked for Kris Smith's contact info.
- Mark Leech recommended that the city tell providers where to dig if there's a conflict.
- Next meeting we will talk about comms and alternatives.



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