

Stealth Broadband — Supporting Documentation

To whom it may concern,

I am a computer programmer and have been working from home for the last 3 years. I was previously only working from home part time, but the last three years have been full time. I struggled to get ABB Nebraska to reconnect the phone line to the property I live on. I then had issues with ABB Nebraska getting Internet service connected to my home. It took 4 months before I could get service connected to my home. While this was all going on ABB Nebraska was ripping fiber in my area for an upgrade. They were only $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from getting to our house when they stopped. I asked why and when they would upgrade my address they said it would be farther down the road and they do not know when. I struggle with working from home when I have four children all in high school and doing most of the homework online. These slow speeds are a struggle for our daily lives. We also cut the cord with DirectTV several years ago. This is a struggle watching any internet content at night after the work day is done. Covid did start me working from home so internet usage has gone up tremendously in the last three years.

Before ABB started their fiber upgrade we were paying around \$90 a month for 10MB and only getting on 7-8MB Download and always under 1MB upload. After ABB started their fiber upgrade they lowered our price because I complained about it. We are currently paying \$65 a month for the previous speeds. I have also purchased the starlink package from Elon Musk to help with my working from home. I pay an additional \$100 a month with speeds up to 200MB download and 20-25MB upload. Getting fiber to our rural area would help tremendously for people like me and the growing community. I am in the computer industry and found a way around the slow speeds that are currently provided to our area by taking a chance on new technologies. Most people do not have those opportunities or the ability to setup and troubleshoot issues.

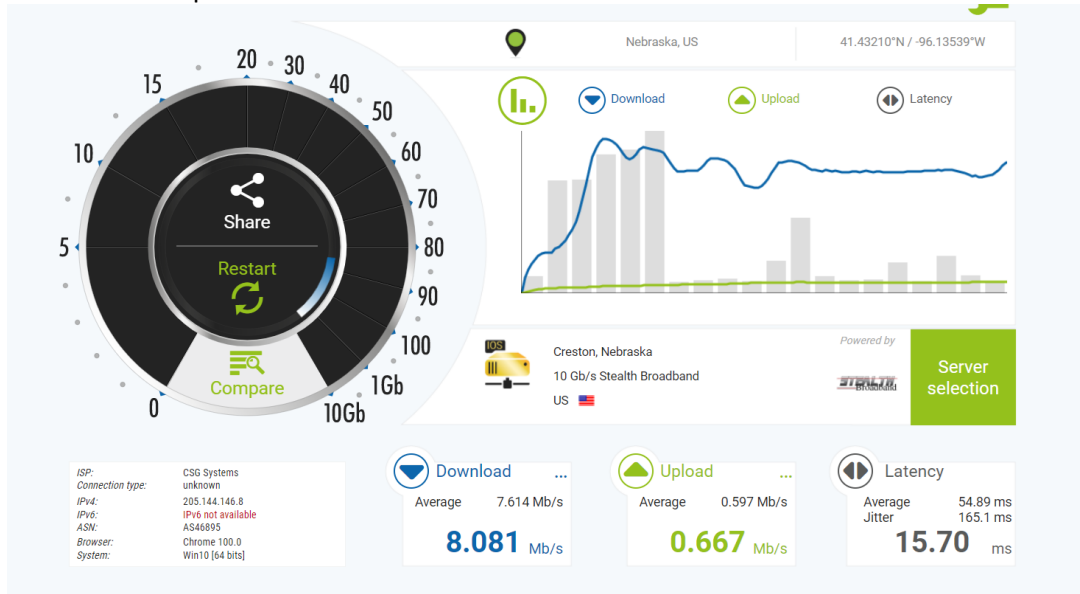
Thanks for taking the time to listen and I hope you have the opportunity to put fiber in our area
Kevin and Lisa Flesner
3678 County Road 33 Blair NE 68008

ABB before the price cut because we do not have fiber
7-8MB Down
1Mb up
\$90 a month

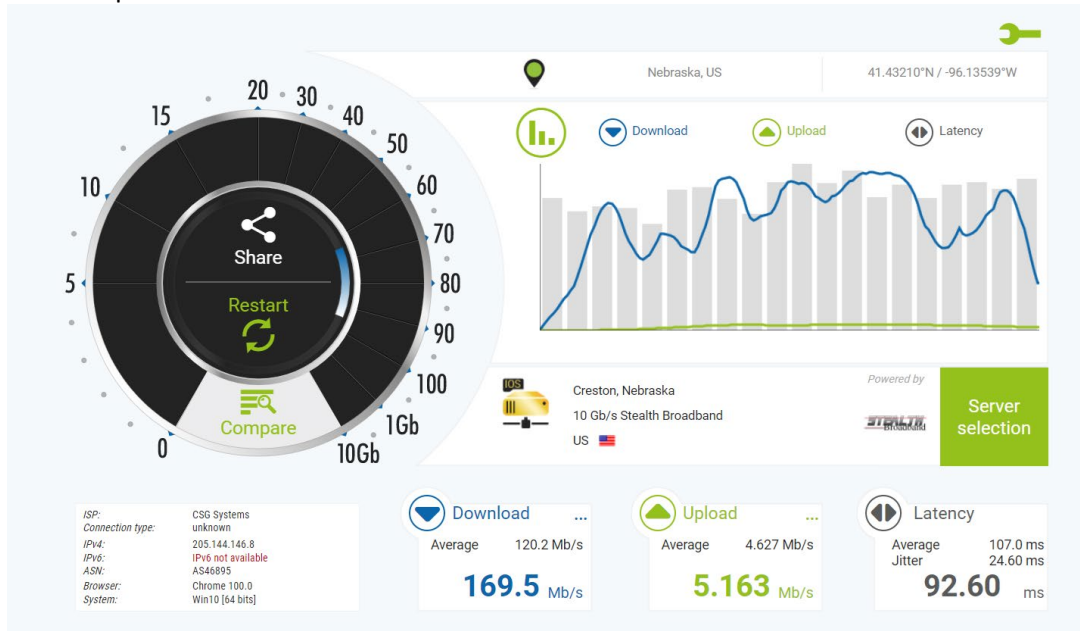
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ABB Nebraska speed test



Starlink speed test




Hello I currently live at 12892 Co Rd in Blair, Ne. My wife and three kids have been in this residence for eight years. When we first moved we only had dsl internet available. The connection maxed out at 5mb and was only have to download 800kb a second. We could only watch a Netflix on the lowest setting or I could check mail and maybe use my voip phone from time to time. We currently have a wireless connection and it is much better maybe 25mb which is an improvement. However when two devices are being used the wireless connection doesn't keep up well. Also run into problems with weather interfering and downtime as well. Not a whole lot of downtime but man it always happens at the wrong time. We paid \$65 for dsl and \$65 as well for the wireless connection. When covid hit we had to do zoom calls for school which was almost impossible to do along with myself trying to work from home. I recall not having a connection for a week at one point during covid. I went from working at the office to working at home 80% of the time. I currently work from home three to four days a week. Summer vacation with a kid whining about lag from his online game to the three year old complaining about her Barbie show is choppy.

Fiber would be a great solution. I am a nerd and have working in the networking industry for 20+ years so being able to run cat6 all over my house for cameras and actually being able to use the phone apps while away from the house to watch for animals and what not would be great. At some point we are going to start producing some products and being able to host a website or just the content for such a store would be great. Kids would be happy about not having to suffer while able to connect with friends and stuff like normal city folk.

Thanks,
Duane Hodapp

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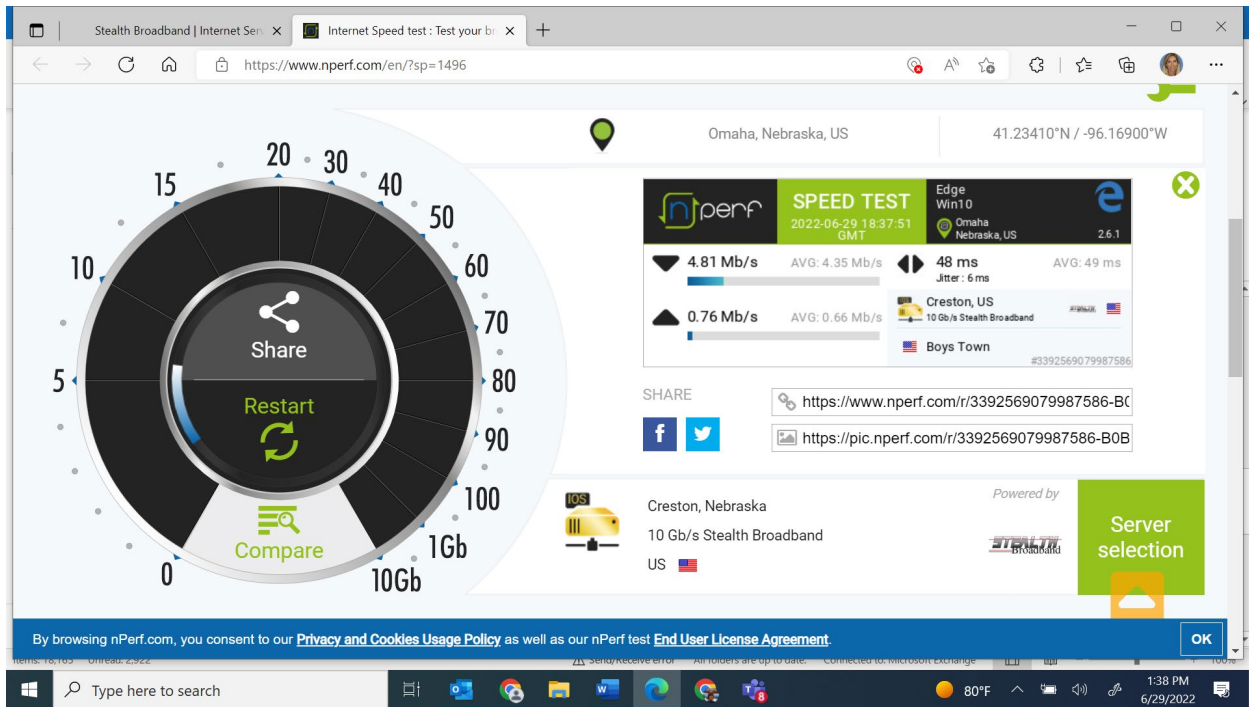
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of Stealth Broadbands grant proposal to provide high-speed Internet. I am just one of several neighbors who have careers that require internet into our homes. I work from home and use the internet for connection to all documents and meetings. My kids also use the internet for Google Classroom assignments daily. My husband uses the internet for listing farm equipment and ordering parts. Fiber internet would increase speeds for working efficiently for our jobs and school.

Through my current provider our only option is the lowest speed available. We investigated using streaming services and were not able to use that option because our internet speed was so slow. Therefore, we are paying a higher price for satellite.

My internet speed is shown in the image below. I am only offered the lowest speed provided. My bill for internet service is \$74 per month and for satellite TV service it is \$145



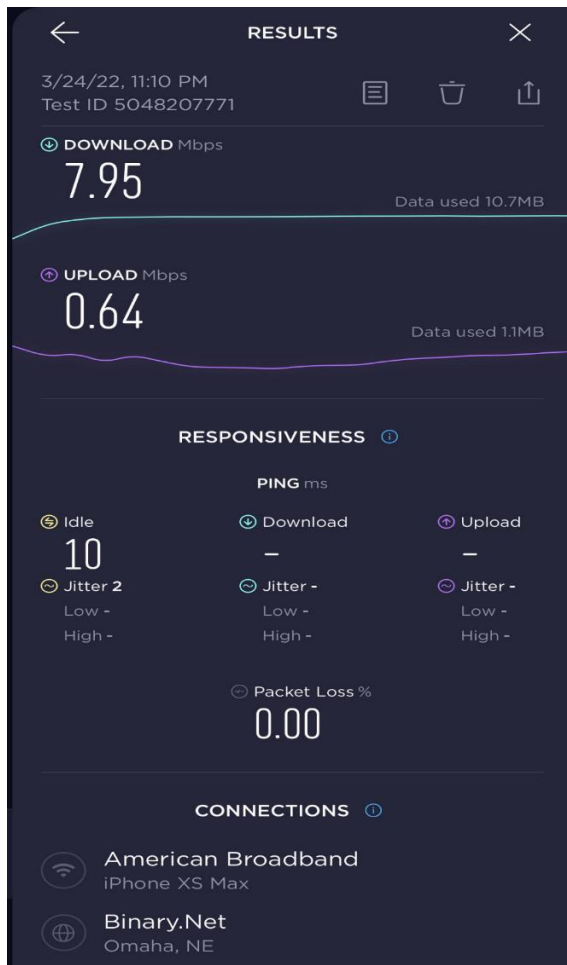
My name is Steven Wagner and myself and family live at 10506 County Road P17, Arlington, NE 68002. We have the option to receive American Broadband internet and the speed that was available for us was 10 MBPS download and we paid \$60/month. Below is a example of the speed test that was ran. With the slow speeds that we receive from ABB it's very difficult to perform the work that I do on a daily basis as a GOV contractor. My wife also works from home weekly as a Nurse for Union Pacific Railroad. We had to force the children to not use their phones or laptops during time when we had to work due to VPN dropping and lag in Microsoft Teams communication. If we had the ability to utilize the fiber internet, we would have no restrictions and everyone would be able to have all devices connected. This would make school, work, family fun much easier with the speeds that would be available. Both my kids would be so thankful to be able to use their phones, laptops and gaming system without worrying about us having difficulties working. With the number of things that are out there utilizing the internet for so many daily things a option to have upgraded service would be a blessing.

Sincerely,

Steven Wagner and the Wagner Family

Steven Wagner

ABB Speed test



June 28, 2022

Stealth Broadband
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Sent VIA Email

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a homeowner in the Phase 2 of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program project area. Please let this letter serve as support for the project.

Our current and only internet provider in the area is CenturyLink. We have been a CenturyLink customer for almost twelve years. During that entire time, we have lived with subpar internet. We are unable to stream a movie and it takes forever to attempt to upload a photo to have it professionally printed. Most of the time, it times out prior to finally uploading the photo and you have to try uploading it again. It even takes forever to download computer updates.

Currently, CenturyLink charges us \$96.15 per month for Internet & Voice services. Yes, technically this includes internet & phone. However, I've been told by multiple CenturyLink employees that I must maintain our home phone otherwise our internet will be slowed to only 3 Mbps as that is the speed they offer in our area. We can't hardly do anything with our internet as it is. We can't afford to lose 3 or 4 Mbps. I was having connectivity issues a while back according to the CenturyLink troubleshooting website. The service technician told me that if he came out, he would have to slow our internet to the 3 Mbps since that is the speed they offer in our area.

Since Covid, I am now a work at home employee. My employer requires at least 25 Mbps for internet. clearly do not meet this requirement. On a good day, I'm lucky to have 7 Mbps. When Covid first started and everyone was sent home from work and school, it was a disaster. Two kids were trying to zoom into their classes while I was trying to work. Our internet speed was just not sufficient to support this.

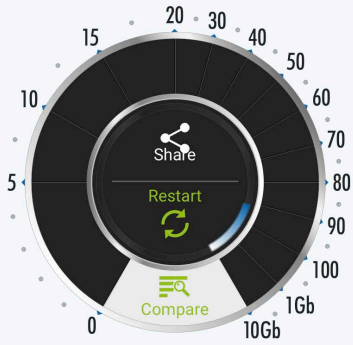
Faster internet would be a blessing in our area. It's something that I've wanted for years. Please consider giving Stealth Broadband this grant to improve the internet in our area.

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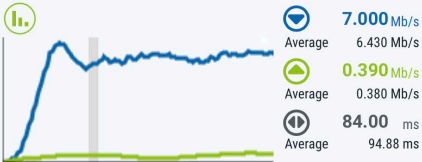


Ann Wilkins
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