

# City of Genesee



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Idaho Broadband Advisory Board  
c/o Ramón S. Hobdey-Sánchez, J.D.  
State Broadband Program Manager  
Idaho Department of Commerce  
700 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

Re: Latah County Dark Fiber Network  
Capital Projects Fund Application  
Challenge Rebuttal

Dear Idaho Broadband Advisory Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the challenge from Ziplly regarding service in the City of Genesee.


We have not received any application for permitting or any other materials, including designed and engineered plans, to review and approve from Ziplly to build in Genesee. Even if we received those today, it would be several months before we could reasonably approve any plans for a city-wide fiber build.

Moreover, the City of Genesee does not want multiple internet service providers (ISPs) building multiple lines of fiber or conduit in City rights-of-ways (ROWs). We have limited space in our ROWs and limited resources, which is why we advocate for a single dark fiber network infrastructure throughout the city that is publicly owned and available to any and all ISPs.

We are interested in building infrastructure that yields the greatest benefit to our citizens. That's infrastructure that makes service more affordable, offers the most choices, and lasts the longest.

Please do not remove our citizens from the Capital Projects Fund grant application.

Sincerely,



John Hermann, Mayor  
City of Genesee

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