

Press Release

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December 8, 2022 | **Whip City Fiber and Colrain Sign a 10-year Contract for Gigabit Internet**

The Town of Colrain is the first community to sign a 10-year contract extension with Whip City Fiber (WCF) as their internet service provider and network operator (ISP/NO). This contract reaffirms the partnership between Colrain and WCF with the benefits of ongoing support and a reduced rate for services.

“The service from Whip City Fiber has been outstanding,” says Michael Slowinski, Colrain’s Municipal Light Plant Manager. “Their customer service and tech support are top notch. The operations team understands our needs and the territory.”

The Colrain Municipal Light Plant (MLP) was created by residents at the Annual Town Meeting in 2015. Colrain Broadband was created to build and operate a high-speed broadband fiber-optic network to provide Colrain residents with this critical service.

Colrain first started working with Whip City Fiber to bring critical gigabit internet access to their residents in 2019. The network is owned by the town of Colrain through its Municipal Light Plant, and Whip City Fiber is the ISP/NO. Currently, there are 650 customers in Colrain.

“We are thrilled that Colrain has decided to continue this partnership with Whip City Fiber,” said Tom Flaherty, General Manager of Westfield Gas + Electric/Whip City Fiber. “We look forward to serving the town and their customers for the next 10 years and more. Colrain is a great partner. WG+E and Whip City Fiber take pride in our responsive, reliable service.”

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About Westfield Gas + Electric/Whip City Fiber

Westfield Gas + Electric is a municipal utility offering residential and commercial gas and electric services in Westfield, Massachusetts. Doing business as Whip City Fiber (WCF), they offer gigabit internet service delivered across a fiber optic network directly to homes and businesses in the City of Westfield as well as 20 Partner Communities.