

What it is

Las Vegas,

Nevada

Gigapower is a joint venture with AT&T to build a commercial, wholesale open-access fiber optic network delivering multi-gigabit speeds to an initial 1.5 million customer locations, with AT&T as its anchor tenant. In its first phase, Gigapower's reach currently includes:

Mesa, Chandler

and Gilbert, Arizona

Parts of

Florida¹



A broadband society

Digital divide

1in5

U.S. households are not connected to the Internet at home²

More than



U.S homes and businesses lack access to high-speed broadband³

More essential

165%

increase in data usage by the average U.S. household since 2017^4

Over



how much data the average U.S. household uses each month⁴

Efficient deployment

Dig once

by carrying other providers' broadband services, Gigapower eliminates the need for those providers to dig new, competing networks

1.5m+

new households in populations with limited access to fiber internet will have access as a result of Gigapower¹

Why fiber

Speed

128,853

miles per second – the speed with which a signal moves through fiber optic cable – the equivalent of going around the world five times⁵

Energy efficiency

the amount of energy fiber optic networks require to send data a distance of 100 meters, versus 3.5W used by copper wires⁶

Growth

70%

of U.S. household broadband connections are projected to be fiber by 2026, up from 43% today⁴

The deal US\$650m

initial commitment on behalf of BlackRock clients



partnership with joint ownership and governance



AT&T, the nation's largest fiber internet provider⁷, is the first customer of the open network

Sources

1 BlackRock and AT&T, May 2023 - Note: Gigapower will operate in Florida and Alabama outside of AT&T's current service areas. 2 National Telecommunications and Information Administration - Switched Off: Why Are One in Five U.S. Households Not Online? October 2022. 3 Federal Communications Commission - National Broadband Map: It Keeps Getting Better (May 2023). 4 BlackRock and Arthur D. Little, December 2022. 5 Nature Photonics, January 2021. 6 Furukawa Electric, March 2022. 7 Based on the number of fiber connections to home households using publicly available data.

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