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### ***Why a Fiber Optics Connection?***

- ✓ Timeless technology. Fiber optic cables move digital information at the speed of light. Fiber optic technology has been in use since 1952, and will be in use for a long time to come. It's pretty hard to compete against the speed of light!
- ✓ Robust fiber connections with symmetrical speeds have the bandwidth to support multiple devices simultaneously within a household
- ✓ Stable fiber optic networks are not susceptible to inclement weather, overgrown trees, or snow loads. Dependable service with no throttling, data caps, or overage charges
- ✓ Save money with a bundled VOIP phone service from Methownet. No need for satellite TV or a land line telephone.

### ***What is the cost?***

We're wondering that ourselves. We'll have a better idea of the rates we can offer once we nail down more specifics. Rest assured, we'll keep you in the loop before you commit to service.

### ***Phones with a fiber connection – Voice Over Internet Protocol, VOIP***

You are welcome to keep your current phone service. Should you ever decide to try VOIP, we are here for you!

- VOIP - Voice Over Internet Protocol - is cheaper than landline service, and more reliable. It works via ethernet cable and wi-fi. You'll need a phone designed to work with an internet line. Methownet has a range of phone options to choose from.
- You can keep your current phone number. There are no data limits, and no long distance charges.
- Voicemails can be sent as wav files to email, and retrieved from anyplace via computer, cell phone, etc.
- The cost is \$33 a month for a primary line, and includes long distance calls within US/Canada at no extra charge. For international calls, there are free applications available that can be used with a wifi connection. WhatsApp is one of the more popular applications for free international calls over wifi using your smart phone, ipad, or computer.

As always, we are here to help. Call anytime. We appreciate you!

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