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## **Polar Power Receives \$1.3 Million Purchase Order For Rural Telecom Backup Power Systems**

GARDENA, Calif., Oct. 03, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Polar Power, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: POLA), a global provider of prime, backup and solar hybrid power solutions, announced today the receipt of a \$1.3 million purchase order for backup generators from a rural telecom provider engaged in building high-speed rural wireless broadband networks in 14 states to enhance public safety. Telecom companies and the Federal government are jointly building the rural networks throughout the nation to provide enhanced high-speed communications across the United States. This rural initiative is intended to provide more reliable communications during emergencies and faster and more complete broadband services for all public sector needs.

This purchase order reflects Polar's renewed efforts to service rural telecom providers. Over the past 5 years, our resources have been centered on Tier 1 wireless carriers in the United States and internationally. Our recent strategic initiative to return to rural markets is a result of our increased production capacity and expanded coverage in service infrastructure within our domestic marketplace. We believe that our new propane (LPG) generators and battery storage systems are ideally suited for off-grid and backup / uninterrupted power supply (UPS) applications. Although Polar sells directly to Tier 1 telecoms, sales to rural telecoms will be made through a combination of direct sales and our existing channel partners who are currently servicing our equipment in the field. We believe that the placement of our solar and non-solar hybrid systems on rural telecom sites will have a positive sales spill-over effect into other local applications.

The lack of good broadband infrastructure in rural America has been identified by numerous sources as a key hindrance in improving health care services, farm productivity and academic expansion which, in turn, hinders economic development in these regions.

The expansion of quality wireless 4G and later 5G technologies into rural areas can eliminate the high cost of installing copper or fiber optic cable services to connect farms, small businesses, educational institutions, and households to a stationary broadband service. The wireless service covers both stationary and mobile needs.

The challenge to quality and cost effective broadband service is the need for a reliable and low-cost electric power. Rural communities typically experience more power outages and power outages of longer duration than urban and metropolitan areas due to the long distances the power lines must transverse. Many optimum sites for cell coverage are located off-grid and connecting these sites to the utility grid is oftentimes cost prohibitive, resulting in the use of solar PV, diesel or propane generators to power these sites. Polar believes that in these rural markets, its products provide higher reliability at lower CAPEX and OPEX cost

giving us a competitive edge over other products and technologies.

In August 2019, the FCC proposed the Rural Digital Fund (RDF) which would allow the FCC to provide up to \$20.4 billion in grants, loans or guarantees to telecom or cable companies to subsidize the cost of building new network infrastructures to provide high speed broadband connections to rural schools, libraries, medical facilities and other local government buildings. In addition, the U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 2019 approved an additional \$600 million towards infrastructure grants named Re-Connect Program aimed at delivering expanded deployment of high-speed broadband internet access to benefit precision farming.

“We believe the FCC’s announcement of up to \$20.4 billion in potential subsidies and grants accessible to over 400 small to mid-level rural telecom and cable providers will provide us with both a significant sales opportunity and the platform to demonstrate renewable technologies coupled with clean fuel generators providing low cost and sustainable energy to other applications and markets worldwide,” said Arthur Sams.

### **About Polar Power, Inc.**

Gardena, California-based Polar Power, Inc. (NASDAQ: POLA), designs, manufactures and sells direct current, or DC, power systems, lithium battery powered hybrid solar systems and lithium battery storage systems for applications in the wireless telecommunications market and, in other markets, including military, electric vehicle charging, cogeneration, distributed power and uninterruptable power supply. Within the telecommunications market, Polar’s systems provide reliable and low-cost energy for off-grid and bad-grid applications with critical power needs that cannot be without power in the event of utility grid failure. For more information, please visit [www.polarpower.com](http://www.polarpower.com) or follow us on [www.linkedin.com/company/polar-power-inc/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/polar-power-inc/)

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