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Arthur Companies is First Gigabit Customer in ND through Polar Communications

Park River, ND – December 5, 2014 – Polar Communications announced today that Arthur Companies of Arthur, ND is the first customer using gigabit Internet service in North Dakota. The gigabit service has increased their speed to 1000/1000Mbps (symmetrical), which is 100 times faster than the average speed in the U.S. today.

“We are excited to not only have the capability of this speed for the efficiency of our business but also to partner with Polar Communications and the community of Arthur to promote this caliber of technology.” said Brooks Burgum, CEO of Arthur Companies.

This is the first service of its kind in the state, making Arthur the first Gigabit community in North Dakota. Arthur native, Doug Burgum, issued a challenge to the Information Technology Council of North Dakota in October to encourage access of affordable, state-of-the-art IT services for all North Dakotans.

“Being a part of this deployment of speeds empowers economic growth and development for businesses and residents in Arthur and the surrounding communities,” said Greg Nelson, Mayor of Arthur. “Arthur Companies is a great choice to pioneer this service in our community and state.”

Since 2008, Polar Communications has been building its fiber network and will complete the project by the end of 2015. The company believes that being rural should not mean being disconnected. These efforts can also be attributed to the many rural telecommunications companies across North Dakota that continue to build their fiber networks making North Dakota one of the most connected states in the nation. We anticipate other North Dakota rural telecommunications companies will also soon be offering gigabit broadband services.

“The ability to deliver the choice of gigabit speeds to our customers is due to the continued work and dedication of our employees,” said David Dunning, CEO of Polar Communications. “We are starting in Arthur, but not stopping there. By the end of 2015, all of our customers will have gigabit broadband options from our complete fiber network.”

A gigabit celebration will be held mid-December in Arthur.