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Table 1: Number of fuel cells deployments (current and planned) for applications in backup power.

	DOE Funded¹ (ARRA) as of 5/2013	DOE Funded (Appropriations)^{2,3} as of 9/1/2013	DOE Total	Industry Funded or on Order (Globally)⁴⁻⁹ From 2009 – Record Date	DOE and Industry Total From 2009 – Record Date
Number of Backup Power Deployments (current & planned)	820	83	903	3,593	4,496

The funding of 903 Department of Energy (DOE) fuel cell backup power systems has led to over 3,500 industry installations and on-order backup power units with no DOE funding.

Data/Assumptions/Calculations:

The manufacturers providing the fuel cells for the deployments (current and planned) mentioned in Table 1 above are:

Alteryg	Ballard / Ida Tech
Hydrogenics	ReliOn, Inc.

Total DOE American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) investment for these fuel cell projects is \$18.5M, with an industry cost share of \$30.8M.ⁱ While publicly available sales

ⁱ ARRA funding supported deployments in backup power for: ReliOn with deployments at AT&T and PG&E sites, Sprint Nextel with deployments at Sprint sites, and Plug Power with deployments at Warner Robins Air Force Base and Fort Irwin. Funds included units as well as other aspects of the project such as installation, pre-testing, data collection, analysis, maintenance, and reporting.

information for backup power fuel cell sales is difficult to obtain, industry reports of sales activity in recent years show signs of substantial growth in sales activity.

In August 2011, Ballard Power Systems purchased IdaTech Power Systems and in April 2013 they announced the shipment of their 500th methanol-fueled telecom backup power system.¹⁰ Also in 2011, ReliOn announced that it has deployed more than 3.9 MW of its fuel cell systems at approximately 1,350 customer sites globally and Alteryg Systems' Freedom Product achieved 5 million operational hours in telecommunications and other applications worldwide.¹¹

Based on fuel cell manufacturers' feedback, it was determined that their purchase orders for deployments were considered either directly or indirectly due to results of the DOE Fuel Cell Technologies (FCT) Office. This includes fuel cell R&D, Market Transformation and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act deployment funding. In some instances, companies increased the number of purchases beyond those with DOE funds assistance. In other instances, the fuel cell manufacturers were able to show the business case using data collected from DOE projects and obtained purchase orders with no DOE funding.

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