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Allegheny Power Employees Honored for Safety Excellence

GREENSBURG, Pa., May 8, 2008 –Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: **AYE**) announced today that its electric delivery business, Allegheny Power, has been recognized for outstanding safety practices.

Allegheny Power received the National Safety Council's 2007 Occupational Excellence Award. To qualify for the award, the company needed a lost workday incident rate of 0.7 or less, as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Last year, Allegheny Power employees registered a 0.35 incident rate – well below the BLS standard.

“We’re proud of our employees’ commitment to working safely and the great strides we’ve made in our safety program,” said David E. Flitman, President of Allegheny Power. “Although we are performing well, we must never lose sight of our ultimate goal – zero injuries.”

From 2004 to 2007, Allegheny Power reduced the number of Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) recordable injuries by more than 60 percent. The company also achieved first-quartile safety performance for the first time in its history.

The National Safety Council is a nonprofit, public safety organization that promotes safety and health in the workplace, in transportation, and in homes and communities.

Allegheny Energy

Headquartered in Greensburg, Pa., Allegheny Energy is an investor-owned electric utility with total annual revenues of over \$3 billion and more than 4,000 employees. The company owns and operates generating facilities and delivers low-cost, reliable electric service to approximately 1.6 million customers in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia. For more information, visit our Web site at www.alleghenyenergy.com.

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