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Allegheny Energy's Pennsylvania Operations Receive Safety Award

GREENSBURG, Pa., September 12, 2006 – Allegheny Energy (NYSE: AYE) has received special recognition from the Energy Association of Pennsylvania for an exceptional improvement in worker safety.

Employees of Allegheny's electric delivery company, Allegheny Power, were honored with a 2006 Safety Improvement Award during a ceremony held at the company's corporate headquarters earlier today. The award recognizes Pennsylvania companies that report an "exceptional reduction in incident rate" from the previous year.

Approximately 1,200 employees – including lineworkers, electricians, meter readers and office workers – contributed to the company's outstanding safety record. Between 2004 and 2005, Allegheny Power reduced its incident rate by nearly 50 percent.

"Safety is the cornerstone of our business culture at Allegheny Power, and receiving this honor is indicative of the commitment we have made to ensure the health and well-being of our employees," said David E. Flitman, President, Allegheny Power. "Our goal is not only to maintain the high level of safety that our employees have demonstrated the ability to deliver, but also to continually find ways to improve it. We are proud to win this award and, in doing so, our employees send a message that a good day's work is also a safe day's work."

The company's Pennsylvania operations include service centers in: Arnold, Boyce, Butler, Charleroi, Clarion, Jeannette, Jefferson, Kittanning, Latrobe, McConnellsburg, McDonald, Pleasant Valley, St. Marys, State College, Uniontown, Washington and Waynesboro. Additional facilities include the Connellsville West Side Complex, the Dunbar Records Center and Greensburg Corporate Headquarters.

The Energy Association of Pennsylvania represents the interests of the Commonwealth's regulated electric and natural gas energy distribution companies.

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Headquartered in Greensburg, Pa., Allegheny Energy is an investor-owned utility consisting of two major businesses. Allegheny Energy Supply owns and operates electric generating facilities, and Allegheny Power delivers low-cost, reliable electric service to customers in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia. For more information, visit our web site at www.alleghenyenergy.com.

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