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**Allegheny Energy's Telecommunications Subsidiary Expands Fiber Optic Network**

**Hagerstown, Md., January 13, 2000** – Allegheny Communications Connect, Inc. (ACC), a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), announced today the expansion of its growing fiber optic lines network by 600 miles. This expansion is part of an agreement signed with Adelphia Business Solutions (NASDAQ: ABIZ) to install the lines throughout western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, western and central Maryland, and northern Virginia. Through this expansion in the Mid-Atlantic region, ACC will extend its network to more than 1,200 route miles by year-end 2000.

“I’m delighted to once again work with Adelphia Business Solutions,” said John W. Flinko, Vice President of Allegheny Communications Connect. “Adelphia is one of the leading integrated communication companies in the nation, and we are proud to play a role in their development of a state-of-the-art fiber optic network.”

Allegheny Energy, Inc. is a diversified energy company headquartered in Hagerstown, Md. The Allegheny Energy family includes *Allegheny Power*, which delivers electric energy to three million people in parts of Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia; *Allegheny Energy Supply Company*, which operates and markets competitive retail and wholesale electric generation and operates regulated electric generation for its affiliates; and *Allegheny Ventures*, which actively invests in and develops energy-related and telecommunications projects. For more information, check our web site at [www.alleghenyenergy.com](http://www.alleghenyenergy.com).

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