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**Allegheny Energy Subsidiary and Genosys Launch Strategic Alliance**

**Hagerstown, Md., January 27, 2000** – Allegheny Communications Connect, Inc., the telecommunications subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), today announced a new strategic alliance that will allow the Company to participate in an emerging segment of the telecommunications market and will help advance its goal to grow earnings through non-regulated opportunities. Allegheny Communications Connect is purchasing approximately 10 percent of Genosys Technology Management Inc., a recently formed network operation center services company initially funded by DB Strategic Ventures, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Deutsche Bank A.G. The new enterprise will enable Allegheny to provide value-added services, such as around-the-clock network monitoring and maintenance services, to customers of its growing 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 about 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. *Allegheny Communications Connect* is a subsidiary of Allegheny Ventures. For more information, check out our web site at [www.alleghenyenergy.com](http://www.alleghenyenergy.com).

Genosys Technology Management™ Inc., a global company, provides technology management solutions to companies seeking technically and economically superior alternatives to technology self-management. Genosys' intelligent Network Operation Centers™ (iNOCs™) provide monitoring and fault resolution for clients' globally deployed technology and networks, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, or can provide off-hours support for clients' existing NOCs. Genosys also offers a variety of technology hosting services in their fully managed, secure hosting facilities. Available Professional Services include: technology and network solutions design and implementation, project management, technology audit and *health check*, and other "technologycentric" services. For more information, visit Genosys Technology Management's web site at [www.genosys.net](http://www.genosys.net).