



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Ohio Commission grants fuel rate decrease for Allegheny subsidiary**

**Hagerstown, Md., February 15, 2000** – Allegheny Energy’s West Virginia/Ohio subsidiary, doing business as Allegheny Power, has received approval from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to reduce the electric fuel component of its rates by 12.257 percent from 1.053 cents a kilowatt-hour (kWh) to 0.924 cents a kWh.

The new rate was effective with February bills.

The decrease is primarily attributable to the benefits received from an increased level of sales to other utilities, which is passed back to customers. Average residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month will see their electric bills decrease by about \$1.29 a month.

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, LLC*, 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 telecommunications and energy-related projects.

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