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**Allegheny Energy, Inc. Chairman Elected President of
Southeastern Electric Exchange**

Hagerstown, Md., April 4, 2000—Alan J. Noia, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), has been elected President of the Southeastern Electric Exchange by its Board of Directors. The election took place at the group's Annual Meeting held in Naples, Fla., last week.

Mr. Noia was elected April 1 to a term that will expire July 2001. In his new position, he will oversee the activities of the Southeastern Electric Exchange, the non-profit trade association of the nation's 30 electric and energy companies that are located in the Southeast. The Association was founded in 1933.

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 telecommunications and energy-related projects. For more information, visit our web site at www.alleghenyenergy.com.

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