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**Allegheny Energy Dedicates Cheat Lake Park & Trail**  
*Company donates motor boat to law enforcement agency*

**Hagerstown, Md., June 7, 2000** – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) today dedicated the new Cheat Lake Park & Trail recreational facility in Monongalia County, W.Va., adjacent to its Lake Lynn Power Station, as a symbol of its commitment to the environment and the community.

As part of the ceremony, the Company donated a 19-foot Crown Line Bow Rider motor boat to the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (WV DNR) Law Enforcement Division for its use in the lake area. The WV DNR has law enforcement jurisdiction over West Virginia waterways.

“It is our privilege to dedicate the Cheat Lake Park & Trail today as a symbol of the changing electric utility industry and our ongoing commitment to preserving and protecting the environment in which we live and work,” said Peter J. Skrgic, President of Allegheny Energy Supply, the Allegheny Energy subsidiary that owns and operates Lake Lynn Power Station and oversees the new recreational facility. “We are delighted to share this beautiful recreation facility with residents of this region.

“Additionally, we are pleased to donate this motor boat to the WV DNR to assist in the security and protection of all that use this area,” said Skrgic. “Allegheny Energy is dedicated to safety at all of its facilities, and we hope this vehicle will help enhance the safety and security of this area for everyone.”

The 46-acre, handicapped-accessible facility has as its centerpiece a 4.5-mile hiking/biking trail that rims Cheat Lake from Lake Lynn Power Station on the Pennsylvania-West Virginia border to the Cheat Haven Peninsula. Also included in the facility are fishing piers and a fish-cleaning station, a day-use boat docking facility, a car-top boat launching facility, children’s play area, picnic areas, a nature viewing area, and a motor boat launch at Sunset Marina.

Adjacent to the 52-megawatt hydropower generating station, the \$8-million recreation area was constructed as part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relicensing for the station in 1994.

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“There are few areas in this part of the country that surpass Cheat Lake and this new recreation area in grace and beauty,” said Skrgic. “This facility is truly a gem, and all those who assisted in its development and construction are to be commended. To the many present and future users, we dedicate this great facility, and we hope you enjoy it for years to come. May it continue to be a shining example of Allegheny Energy’s movement toward the future.”

Cheat Lake Park is open to the public year-round and nighttime fishing is permitted. Cheat Lake Trail is also open year-round from dawn until dusk, and the section of the trail south of Manning’s Run is open from April 1 to Oct. 31.

For safety and to protect the park’s natural beauty, the following rules apply to Cheat Lake Park & Trail:

- Swimming and camping are prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are prohibited.
- Only foot, bicycle, and wheelchair traffic are permitted on the hiking/biking trail.
- Overnight docking at the park is prohibited.
- Parking at tip of peninsula is reserved for the handicapped and non-motorized boat loading/unloading.
- No wading or boating within the 400-yard exclusion zone below the dam.
- A warning system is installed in the tailrace fishing area to warn users of increased river levels and flows. Watch the warning system and play it safe.
- No fishing from bridges.
- The tailrace fishing area is located in both West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Those fishing must follow the appropriate state regulations.
- Fishermen must use the fish-cleaning station.
- Please do not litter. Pick up and pack out all garbage along the trail.
- Waste receptacles are not for household garbage.

Allegheny Energy, Inc. is a diversified energy company headquartered in Hagerstown, Md. The Allegheny Energy family includes *Allegheny Power*, which delivers 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. For more information, check our web site at [www.alleghenyenergy.com](http://www.alleghenyenergy.com).

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