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Allegheny Energy supports Friends of the Ohio

Hagerstown, Md., June 27, 2000 – Allegheny Energy is continuing its commitment to the environment by donating funds to Friends of the Ohio, an organization devoted to preserving the natural beauty of the Ohio River.

Friends of the Ohio is sponsored by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO). Its purpose is to promote and conduct environmental programs throughout the Ohio River Basin. One of its initiatives is a program that will provide a floating science classroom for schools located near the banks of the Ohio. The boat will allow students and teachers to glide down the river, conducting science experiments and learning about the natural history of the Ohio River.

“With Allegheny Energy’s generous support, we can fulfill our mission of protecting the Ohio River by creating educational and recreational opportunities for the river’s neighbors and inspiring widespread commitment to this magnificent natural resource,” said Alan Vicoy, Executive Director, ORSANCO.

Friends of the Ohio is working on many other environmental programs. Soon, a 3,000-gallon traveling freshwater aquarium will be used to detail the health of the Ohio River and the diversity of life it sustains. The organization also will conduct town meetings to listen to ideas and concerns of residents of Ohio River communities and offer updates on water quality and safety.

Pamela M. Pershing, Allegheny Energy’s Advisor, Strategic Environmental Management, said the Company is pleased to contribute the funds to the Friends of the Ohio. “We are proud of the partnership we have developed with ORSANCO, and we look forward to being involved with Friends of the Ohio to promote stewardship of the Ohio River Valley’s waterways,” she said.

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