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Allegheny Energy's Telecommunications Subsidiary Acquires Equity Interest In Adelphia Business Solutions

Hagerstown, Md., July 13, 2000 – The telecommunications arm of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), Allegheny Communications Connect, Inc., announced today that it has sold its 50 percent ownership in Allegheny Hyperion Telecommunications, LLC, to Adelphia Business Solutions (NASDAQ: ABIZ) for 330,000 shares of Adelphia Business Solutions' Class A Common Stock. Its investment in Adelphia Business Solutions enables Allegheny to further expand into the fast-growing telecommunications market, providing opportunities for increased earnings and added value for shareholders.

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Department of Justice, and Federal Trade Commission have approved the stock transaction.

According to John W. Flinko, Vice President, Allegheny Communications Connect, the two companies formed a joint venture, Allegheny Hyperion Telecommunications, in 1997. The partnership has grown to become a successful competitive local exchange service provider in the Altoona and State College, Pa., areas.

“Today’s announcement is an example of how the strong partnership between Allegheny Communications Connect and Adelphia Business Solutions continues to evolve,” says Flinko. “We will continue to work with Adelphia Business Solutions, one of the nation’s leading integrated communications companies, on initiatives that will enable us to expand our fiber optic network and continue to deliver high-speed telecommunications services, especially to rural and underserved areas. Our investment in and continued partnership with Adelphia Business Solutions sends a clear signal that Allegheny Communications Connect is well positioned to take advantage of growth in the telecommunications market and to enhance value for Allegheny Energy shareholders by monetizing our fiber optic assets and developing new opportunities.”

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Allegheny Communications Connect is working with Adelphia Business Solutions to install 700 route miles of fiber optic lines throughout western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, western and central Maryland, and northern Virginia. By year-end, Allegheny Communications Connect will have more than 1,300 route miles of fiber in its network, further increasing its footprint and advancing its strategy to bring high-speed telecommunications services to the region.

Allegheny Communications Connect is also a part of the PA Team, the Adelphia Business Solutions-led consortium which was selected in March by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to build an advanced information technology infrastructure and to provide state government facilities with state-of-the-art voice, video, internet, and data telecommunications services. In conjunction with this project, Allegheny Communications Connect is conducting a wireless internet trial in three Pennsylvania communities.

In addition, Allegheny Communications Connect is leveraging its expanding fiber optic network by partnering with other companies, enabling the Company to extend its reach into new markets. Earlier this year, Allegheny joined with five other energy and telecommunications companies to create America's Fiber Network LLC, a super-regional, high-speed fiber optics company with a network of more than 7,000 route miles, connecting major markets in the eastern United States to secondary markets with a growing need for broadband access.

About Allegheny Energy

Allegheny Energy, Inc. is a diversified energy company headquartered in Hagerstown, Md. The Allegheny Energy family includes *Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC*, which operates and markets competitive retail and wholesale electric generation and operates regulated electric generation for its affiliates; *Allegheny Power*, which delivers electric energy and natural gas to three million people in parts of Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia; 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.

About Adelphia Business Solutions

Adelphia Business Solutions is a majority owned subsidiary of Adelphia Communications Corporation that provides integrated communications services to business customers through its state-of-the-art fiber optic communications network. As a

result of its consolidation efforts, the Company now owns 100 percent of the interests in 55 of 58 markets in which it currently offers communications services, with the remaining four markets operating as 50 percent owned joint ventures with a local partner. By the end of 2001, the Company expects to serve 200 markets throughout the United States including substantially all major Tier I and Tier II cities, through the interconnection of these markets, creating a single fiber optic backbone network. This fully redundant, 33,000-mile long-haul fiber optic network, combined with an estimated 15,000 local fiber route miles, will support the Company's full line of communication service offerings, including local and long distance voice services, messaging, high-speed data and internet services. For more information on Adelphia Business Solutions, or to review an electronic version of this press release visit the Company's web site at <http://www.adelphia-abs.com>.

Certain statements above constitute forward-looking statements with respect to Allegheny Energy, Inc. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance, or achievements of Allegheny Energy to be materially different from any future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors may affect Allegheny Energy's operations, markets, products, services, and prices. Such factors include, among others, the following: general and economic and business conditions; industry capacity; changes in technology, changes in political, social, and economic conditions; regulatory matters; integration of the operations of Allegheny Energy; regulatory conditions applicable to the transaction; the loss of any significant customers; and changes in business strategy or business plans.

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