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Ohio Commission grants fuel rate adjustment for Allegheny Energy subsidiary

Hagerstown, Md., August 3, 2000 – Allegheny Energy’s West Virginia/Ohio subsidiary, doing business as Allegheny Power, has received approval from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to increase the electric fuel component of its rates from 0.924 cents a kilowatt-hour (kWh) to 0.965 cents a kWh.

The new rate is effective with August bills. Average residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month will see their electric bills increase by about 41 cents a month.

The increase is due to an underrecovery of fuel costs by Allegheny Power during the previous six months.

The fuel portion of customers’ bills relates directly to the cost of fuel, primarily coal, used to produce electricity. Because of periodic fluctuations in the price of fuel, customers may see increases or decreases in the fuel rate.

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