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Allegheny Energy Solutions expands its presence in the Northeast

Hagerstown, Md., April 6, 2001 – Allegheny Energy Solutions, an unregulated subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), today announced the opening of new offices in the New York metropolitan area, advancing its strategy of becoming a national energy solutions provider and meeting customer demands in the growing distributed generation market.

Allegheny Energy Solutions opened a new office in White Plains, N.Y. The White Plains office serves as the headquarters for the Northeast Region and New York territories – New York City, Long Island, and the Hudson Valley.

According to William McCarrick, Jr., Director, Northeast Region, the Company also has offices located in Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. “We look forward to solving the anticipated energy challenges that lie ahead for our customers in the Northeast,” says McCarrick.

Allegheny Energy Solutions provides customers with on-site energy services, including distributed generation, energy infrastructure, and mechanical systems; central plant construction and operations; demand-side management; power quality; and power protection services. Distributed generation is the integrated or stand-alone use of small generating equipment by end-use customers.

“We are delighted about our expansion into the New York metropolitan area and look forward to working with businesses to help them manage the risks and take advantage of the opportunities presented by the deregulated gas and electricity markets,” says Ron Cardwell, Vice President, Allegheny Energy Solutions. “The new era of electric and gas competition creates opportunities to reduce operating costs, yet it also presents a new risk for businesses to manage. There are many businesses in the New York metropolitan area that will benefit from using our knowledge and expertise in distributed generation and other energy-related products and services. We will help them seize these new opportunities and manage these new risks.”

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In 2000, Allegheny Energy Solutions added Capstone Turbine Corporation, American Power Conversion, Caterpillar, Generac, GE Power Systems, Turbosteam Corporation, and Siemens Solar Industries, L.P., to its growing portfolio of suppliers for distributed generation products.

For more information about Allegheny Energy Solutions and distributed generation solutions, please call William McCarrick, Jr., at (914) 253-9100, ext. 305, or e-mail AESolutionsInfo@alleghenyenergy.com.

An S&P 500 company, Allegheny Energy, Inc. is a diversified energy company headquartered in Hagerstown, Md. The Allegheny Energy family includes *Allegheny Power*, which delivers electric energy and natural gas 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, visit our web site at www.alleghenyenergy.com.