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Allegheny Energy Names New Chief Financial Officer

Hagerstown, Md., April 6, 2001 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (AYE: NYSE) today announced that Bruce E. Walenczyk will join the Company May 1 as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

According to Alan J. Noia, Allegheny Energy Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Walenczyk will lead Allegheny Energy's financial and treasury functions, as well as take a leadership role in developing and executing the Company's ongoing financial growth strategy to drive shareholder value and meet the challenges of the changing energy industry. Mr. Walenczyk replaces former Chief Financial Officer Michael P. Morrell, who was appointed President, Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC, earlier this year.

Mr. Walenczyk brings to Allegheny Energy 28 years of experience in the finance and energy businesses. Most recently, he served as Vice President—Finance for PSEG Energy Holdings Inc., a subsidiary of Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated, headquartered in Newark, N.J. He previously served as Managing Director, Investment Banking Division for PaineWebber Incorporated (now UBS PaineWebber Inc.) and held management positions with Kidder Peabody & Co., including Manager Director/Group Head for the Structured Finance Group of its Investment Banking Division. He also is a former officer of the Corporate Banking Group of Citibank, N.A.

“We are pleased to welcome Bruce to Allegheny Energy,” Mr. Noia says. “His expertise in financial markets and the energy industry will be an invaluable asset to the Company as we continue to expand our business and increase shareholder value.”

A resident of Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J., Mr. Walenczyk is a graduate of St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y., where he earned a bachelor of science degree in economics/finance. In addition, he holds a master of business administration degree, with a concentration in finance, from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J. Mr. Walenczyk and his wife, Elizabeth, plan to relocate to Maryland.

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.