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Allegheny Energy CEO Elected to EPRI Board of Directors

Hagerstown, Md., April 11, 2001 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) today announced that Alan J. Noia, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer, has been elected to serve on the Electric Power Research Institute's (EPRI) Board of Directors for a four-year term, beginning this month.

“We are pleased that Al is joining EPRI's Board of Directors,” says Kurt Yeager, EPRI's President and Chief Executive Officer. “His vision and insights into our rapidly changing industry will be invaluable in advancing EPRI's mission of informing our global energy clients on every aspect of power generation, delivery, and use.”

Mr. Noia's career with Allegheny Energy and experience in the electric power industry spans 35 years. After graduating from the University of Virginia with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, he joined the Company as an engineer. He has held a wide variety of positions with Allegheny Energy, including Vice President of Bulk Power Supply, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Noia was named Chief Executive Officer in 1996 and Chairman of the Board in 1997.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Edison Electric Institute, Southeastern Electric Exchange (where he is President), Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, Maryland Symphony Orchestra, and the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation of Washington County, Md. Mr. Noia also serves on the Corporate Council of The Conservation Fund.

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“I am honored to be selected to serve on the EPRI Board of Directors,” says Mr. Noia. “I look forward to working with EPRI members to develop solutions to the challenges facing the energy industry today and in the coming years.”

With more than 25 years of proven success, EPRI is recognized as a world leader in creating science and technology solutions for the energy industry and for the benefit of the public. EPRI’s technical program is unique in its breadth, spanning virtually every aspect of power generation, delivery, and use, including environmental considerations.

EPRI, headquartered in Palo Alto, Calif., serves more than 1,000 energy organizations worldwide, drawing on a global network of technical and business experts to help solve today’s toughest energy problems. The institute has offices in Massachusetts, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington, D.C., and representatives in Belgium, England, France, Spain, Australia, China, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, and Brazil.

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.