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Allegheny Energy, Inc. Public Stock Offering Priced at \$48.25 Per Share

Hagerstown, Md., April 27, 2001 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) today reported that its public offering of 12.4 million shares of common stock was priced at \$48.25 per share.

The sale is expected to provide \$598.3 million in gross proceeds, which will be used to fund the Company's announced acquisition of generating facilities located in the Midwest and for other corporate purposes.

The common stock of Allegheny Energy is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange, and the Pacific Exchange.

The offering was jointly led by Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Merrill Lynch & Co. A copy of the final prospectus for this offering may be obtained from the offices of Goldman, Sachs & Co., 85 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004 or by contacting Allegheny Energy, Inc., Cynthia A. Shoop, Vice President, Corporate Communications, 10435 Downsville Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21740 or, by e-mail, at cshoop@alleghenyenergy.com.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell these securities, nor a solicitation of an offer to purchase these securities, nor is it a solicitation of any proxy or consent for any purpose.

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.

Certain statements within constitute forward-looking statements with respect to Allegheny Energy, Inc. ("AYE" or the "Company"). Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance, or achievements of AYE to be materially different from any future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors may affect AYE's operations, markets, products, services, and prices. Such factors include, among others, the following: weather and natural phenomena; general and economic and business conditions; industry capacity; changes in technology; changes in political, social, and economic conditions; changes in the price of electricity and gas; changes in environmental and other laws; regulatory matters; litigation involving AYE; regulatory conditions applicable to AYE; the loss of any significant customers; and changes in business strategy or development plans.

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