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**Allegheny Energy supports Penn State's Center for the Performing Arts**

**Hagerstown, Md., July 24, 2001** – Allegheny Energy, through its Corporate Giving Program, has donated \$3,000 to Penn State University's Center for the Performing Arts to assist the Center in providing artistic theatrical performances to residents of the greater State College area.

Since 1999, Allegheny Energy has donated \$9,000 to the Center for the Performing Arts.

"We are thrilled that Allegheny Energy is a supporter of the arts in our region," says Susan Stockton, Director, Center for the Performing Arts, Penn State University. "It is critical for us to have sponsors for our programs, so we can continue our mission of enhancing our community's knowledge of and appreciation for the arts."

The Center for the Performing Arts presents approximately 25 to 35 events each season in the areas of theater, dance, classical music, jazz, and family and children's events. During the 2001-2002 season, the Center is featuring the highly acclaimed theatre work, "Promise of a Love Song." In addition, the artists of the company will be participating in a week-long residency.

According to Paul J. Pavlik, Allegheny Energy's Manager, Local Government Affairs, the Company has contributed more than \$714,000 this year to educational, human service, and cultural organizations as part of its Corporate Giving Program.

"Allegheny Energy is excited to partner with an organization like the Center for the Performing Arts and will continue to support organizations that have a positive influence on our service area communities," says Pavlik.

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