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Allegheny Energy supports West Virginia flood relief efforts

Hagerstown, Md., July 27, 2001 – Allegheny Energy is contributing more than \$40,000 in funds and in kind donations to assist with recovery efforts in the aftermath of recent flash flooding in southern West Virginia.

Allegheny Energy donated \$15,000 worth of supplies, consisting of 10,000 plastic liners for trashcans and 5,000 pairs of work gloves, which were delivered to the American Red Cross warehouse in Beckley, West Virginia, in response to its appeal for supplies. The Company is contributing \$200 each to 16 volunteer fire departments that are helping flood victims and assisting in recovery efforts. The Company is also setting aside \$22,000 to assist in the payment of final bills for Mountaineer Gas customers whose properties were too heavily damaged to have natural gas service restored.

“The destruction caused by the flooding has interrupted peoples’ lives and has created a special need to help communities recover and rebuild,” said Alan J. Noia, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Allegheny Energy, Inc. “Our donations will help communities in their recovery efforts and assist our customers who have suffered devastating property losses as a result of the flooding.”

“We are extremely grateful to Allegheny Energy for donating needed supplies to help people in their recovery efforts,” said Denise Gilliam, American Red Cross Disaster Relief Donations. “We really appreciate their quick response in delivering supplies and it has made our job of helping people affected by the flooding much easier.”

Allegheny Power, an Allegheny Energy company, serves nearly 700,000 electric and gas customers in all 55 counties in West Virginia.

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