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**Robert M. Aquilina Elected to  
Allegheny Energy, Inc. Board of Directors**

**Hagerstown, Md., September 24, 2001** – The Board of Directors of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) has elected Robert M. Aquilina, Senior Vice President, AT&T Long Distance Services, to serve as a Director on the Allegheny Energy Board.

“We are pleased that Bob is joining the Allegheny Energy Board of Directors,” says Alan J. Noia, Allegheny Energy Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer. “His strategic vision, strong leadership, and business experience will be a valuable asset for us as we continue to advance our growth initiatives in the changing energy industry.”

Aquilina currently leads the organization that markets AT&T’s domestic and international long distance services to 60 million customers in the United States. With full profit-and-loss accountability, Aquilina’s team delivers the strongest profit margins in the consumer long distance industry.

In previous senior executive assignments during a 20-year career at AT&T, Aquilina led the company’s efforts to provide local service to customers in New York and Texas, winning more than one million customers. He also led the team that acquired the assets of NorthPoint Communications, Inc., which will help AT&T jump-start its ability to offer multiple services on NorthPoint’s DSL platform.

He also served as President and Managing Director of AT&T’s operations in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. He was Chairman of AT&T UK Communications Services, Vice Chairman of AT&T Unisource, and Vice Chairman of the WorldPartners Association. In addition, he led the product-line management organization in AT&T’s Business Services unit, served as Vice President of Data Communications Services for AT&T, and was Director of ACCUNET Services.

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A native of New York City, Aquilina earned a Bachelor of Engineering degree from The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York, where he serves on the Board of Directors. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago. He and his family live in New Jersey.

Allegheny Energy, Inc. is a diversified energy company headquartered in Hagerstown, Md. It has been named to the *Fortune* 500 list, the Standard and Poor's 500 index, and the *Forbes* "Platinum 400" list. 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 develops, owns, and operates electric generating facilities and supplies and trades energy and energy-related commodities in selected domestic retail and wholesale markets; and *Allegheny Ventures*, which invests in and develops telecommunications and energy-related projects. For more information, visit our web site at [www.alleghenyenergy.com](http://www.alleghenyenergy.com).