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Allegheny Energy and Employees Make Donation to Assist Disaster Relief

Hagerstown, Md., October 1, 2001 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) announced today that the Company and its employees have donated \$330,000 to aid in disaster relief efforts in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The contribution includes \$230,000 in Company and employee cash contributions to the American Red Cross and \$100,000 worth of portable generators to New York City.

“These contributions represent a partnership between our Company and our patriotic employees who want to help our nation recover from this terrible tragedy,” said Alan J. Noia, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Allegheny Energy. “While the unbelievable events of September 11 have affected us all, we are heartened by the spirit of caring that has flourished in response to the disaster.”

Allegheny Energy, Inc. is a diversified energy company headquartered in Hagerstown, Md. For more information, visit our web site at www.alleghenyenergy.com.

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