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**Ted J. Kleisner Elected to
Allegheny Energy, Inc. Board of Directors**

Hagerstown, Md., October 22, 2001 – The Board of Directors of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) has elected Ted J. Kleisner, President and Managing Director of The Greenbrier and President of The Greenbrier Resort Management Company, to serve as a Director on the Allegheny Energy Board.

“We are pleased that Ted is joining the Allegheny Energy Board of Directors,” says Alan J. Noia, Allegheny Energy Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer. “His marketing expertise and retail business experience will be tremendous assets for our Company as we move forward with our growth initiatives.”

Kleisner’s career with The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., spans nearly two decades. He joined The Greenbrier as its Director of Operations and has advanced to President and Managing Director. He also serves as President of The Greenbrier Resort Management Company and President of The Greenbrier Sporting Club Development Company, LLC, a joint venture involved in real estate development, club operations, and amenity management.

A third generation hotelier, Kleisner began his career in the hotel industry with the Albert Pick Hotel Corporation in Greensboro, N.C., and later moved to the Hilton Hotels Corporation, serving as General Manager of hotels in Georgia, Missouri, Ohio, and Texas. He also held positions as General Manager of the Southampton Princess in Bermuda and as Vice President and Managing Director of the Boca Raton Resort and Club in Florida.

Kleisner has been recognized for excellence in the hotel industry, receiving the “Independent Hotelier of the World” award in 1993 by *Hotels* magazine and the 1994 “Resort Executive of the Year” award, which is sponsored by Yesawich, Pepperdine, & Brown, Inc. He has also received the “Distinguished West Virginian” award.

In addition to serving as a Director on the Allegheny Energy Board, Kleisner is a member of the Board of Directors of the Hershey Entertainment and Resorts Company. He was appointed

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to the Board of Directors of the Discover The Real West Virginia Foundation, the Georgia International Maritime and Trade Center Authority, and Forward Southern West Virginia. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Virginia Episcopal School and the Culinary Institute of America. His other directorships include the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the West Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, the West Virginia Roundtable, the American Hotel and Lodging Association, the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Authority, and the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver.

Kleisner also is a member of the Government Relations Committee of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the Resort and Governmental Affairs Committees of the American Hotel and Lodging Association, the Confrerie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs, the Hotel Sales Management Association, the Executive Board of the Buckskin Council for the Boy Scouts of America, and The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland. A native of Chicago, Ill., Kleisner earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Denver. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Greenbrier Village, a real estate development at The Greenbrier.

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.

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