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#### **Allegheny Energy supports Youghoberfest 2001**

**Hagerstown, Md., October 25, 2001** – Allegheny Energy (NYSE: AYE), through its Environmental Stewardship Program, donated \$2,500 to the Mon/Yough Trail Council, a member of the Allegheny Trail Alliance, to assist the Council with its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Youghoberfest fundraiser in Boston, Pa.

Youghoberfest, held October 6 and 7, celebrated the completion of 100 miles of the Great Allegheny Passage from McKeesport, Pa., to Meyersdale, Pa. Allegheny Energy is one of approximately 10 organizations that sponsored the two-day celebration featuring music groups, children's activities, and arts and crafts exhibits. The event was held on the Youghiogheny River Trail section of the Great Allegheny Passage at the Boston Trailhead, near McKeesport.

“We have made fabulous progress on one of the best recreational trails in the country, and it couldn't have been possible without the tremendous support of Allegheny Energy,” says Christine Peterson McGuire, Chairperson, Mon/Yough Trail Council. “Our Youghoberfest celebration raises funds for the ongoing effort to maintain and improve the Allegheny County section of the Youghiogheny River Trail, and we are grateful to Allegheny for making our celebration a success.”

Since 1998, Allegheny Energy has contributed \$15,000 to the Mon/Yough Trail Council, and donated more than \$100,000 to environmental organizations in Pennsylvania last year, through its Environmental Stewardship Program.

“For more than a century, we have enriched the lives of people in the communities we serve through our corporate programs,” says Pamela M. Pershing, Advisor, Strategic Environmental Management, for Allegheny Energy. “We are proud to sponsor a meaningful stewardship project with so many benefits to residents in Pennsylvania.”

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).

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