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#### **Allegheny Energy supports The Westmoreland Trust**

**Hagerstown, Md., November 6, 2001** – Allegheny Energy, through its Corporate Giving Program, has contributed \$5,000 to The Westmoreland Trust in Greensburg, Pa., to help the organization continue its efforts to improve the quality of life in Westmoreland County.

“The Westmoreland Trust is committed to its long-range plan of promoting cultural and economic growth in Westmoreland County,” says Jay S. Pifer, President, Allegheny Power – the energy delivery business of Allegheny Energy – and member of the Board of Directors of The Westmoreland Trust. “We are pleased to lend our support to an organization that serves as such a valuable asset to the residents of southwestern Pennsylvania.”

According to Pifer, the Company has contributed more than \$840,675 this year to educational, human service, and cultural organizations as part of its Corporate Giving Program, which supports a wide variety of community needs throughout a five-state region.

In 1999 and 2000, Allegheny contributed a total of \$10,000 to The Westmoreland Trust.

“The Westmoreland Trust is very appreciative of the support that Allegheny Energy gives us annually,” says Dennis Cremonese, President and CEO, The Westmoreland Trust. “This support allows us to continue pushing forward with our mission to develop and manage community assets.”

The Westmoreland Trust is currently in the planning stages of three major projects in Greensburg, Pa., including the renovations of the Stark and James Buildings on West Otterman Street, the interiors of the Greensburg Garden and Civic Center, and the County’s most visible cultural asset – the Palace Theatre.

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