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**Allegheny Energy Employees Receive National Award**

**Hagerstown, Md., November 7, 2001**—Allegheny Energy is proud to announce that **Jim Edwards**, an employee of the Company's Greensburg Corporate Center, and **English Webb**, an employee at Allegheny's Monroeville Energy Center, received *Black Opinion* magazine's Black Achievers Award for their outstanding contributions on the job and in their communities. Edwards and Webb are among four Allegheny Energy employees receiving the award this year.

Edwards, Transmission Marketer, has been with the Company for more than 12 years. He is active in youth organizations and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. A graduate of Saint Vincent College, Edwards received a bachelor's degree in finance.

Webb, Director, Administration, joined Allegheny in 1982. He is a member of DivNet and the Pittsburgh Association of Human Resources Professionals. Webb dedicates his time to providing outreach to area youth and adults through ministry. He received bachelor's degrees from Shaw University and North Carolina State University.

"These employees have excelled both on and off the job," says Alan J. Noia, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer. "Their outstanding commitment to the Company and to their communities is to be commended. It's wonderful to see their accomplishments recognized at this level."

Also receiving awards were Pamela Mills, Executive Director, Policy and Programs, and Ida Taylor, General Manager, Administration, both employees at the Company's corporate headquarters in Hagerstown, Md.

Mills joined Allegheny Energy in 1999. She received a doctor of jurisprudence from Boston College, a master's degree in educational administration from Columbia University, and a bachelor's degree in education and communication arts from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

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Taylor joined the Company last year, having previously worked for Mountaineer Gas for more than 26 years. She received a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Virginia State College.

To be eligible for the award, nominees must be African-Americans who have achieved in their field of endeavor and who live and work within *Black Opinion* magazine's marketing area. Nominations are submitted by employers and recipients are chosen by a committee. Seventy-three people were nominated for this year's Black Achievers Award and 17 recipients were selected.

“By recognizing these individuals, we support their accomplishments and hope their accomplishments will serve as inspiration to others,” says Luther Sewell, Publisher, *Black Opinion*. “And, we're glad to have the support of companies like Allegheny Energy that are committed to providing opportunities for the advancement of African-Americans.”

*Black Opinion*, a quarterly magazine located in Pittsburgh, Pa., has more than 37,000 readers in 14 states, including Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia.

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 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).