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UWUA System Local 102 Ratifies New Contract With Allegheny Energy

Hagerstown, Md., June 8, 2002 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. and the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA) System Local 102 today announced that the union’s 1,165 members have ratified a new five-year labor contract.

“We are pleased that this issue is now resolved and that the UWUA System Local 102 members have ratified what we believe is a fair contract for our employees and our Company,” says Robert Summers, Allegheny Energy’s chief negotiator. “We value our employees and recognize the important role they play in ensuring that we provide low-cost, reliable energy with industry-leading service to our customers.”

“I am pleased that our members voted in favor of the new contract,” said William J. Sterner, President, UWUA System Local 102. “This agreement accomplishes many of the goals set by our membership and contains good provisions that will help both parties resolve our issues.”

Negotiators for Allegheny Energy and UWUA System Local 102 had reached a tentative agreement on a new contract in late April. UWUA System Local 102 members participated in membership ratification meetings during May and early June.

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