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Allegheny Energy Wins Environmental Leadership Award *Earth Day Tire Collection Project Honored for Environmental Stewardship*

Hagerstown, Md., August 29, 2002 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) today received the 2002 West Virginia Business Environmental Leadership Award for its Earth Day Tire Collection Project. Over the past three years, Allegheny Energy has celebrated Earth Day by removing improperly discarded tires from waterways, roadways, and dump sites. Approximately 900 Allegheny Energy employees and community volunteers collected more than 37,000 discarded tires in 2002, making the Tire Collection Project a success in its third and final year.

The award is one of nine Business Environmental Leadership Awards presented for the second time by the Contractors Association of West Virginia, the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the West Virginia Economic Development Council, the West Virginia Manufacturers Association, the West Virginia Oil and Natural Gas Association, and the West Virginia Roundtable.

“Allegheny Energy is honored to receive this distinguished environmental award for the Earth Day Tire Collection Project,” said Pamela M. Pershing, Allegheny Energy’s Advisor, Strategic Environmental Management. “This project is one of many environmental initiatives that Allegheny employees participate in to help make a difference in the communities in which we live and work, and the fact that tire dump sites are getting harder to find suggests that our efforts have been successful.”

The Allegheny Energy Earth Day Tire Collection Project was recognized in the Environmental Stewardship Category. Since the first Tire Collection Project in 2000, a total of 2,628 volunteers have removed and recycled more than 102,000 tires in five states, including West Virginia, which had been discarded as roadside trash.

Plum Creek Timber Company of Lewisburg, W.Va., and Mt. Storm Power Station, part of Dominion Resources, Inc., were also recognized in the Environmental Stewardship Category. Other awards were given in the Pollution Prevention and Innovative Technology Categories.

EPA Region III Administrator Don Welsh presented the awards during the West Virginia Business Summit at The Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

With headquarters in Hagerstown, Md., Allegheny Energy is an integrated Fortune 500 energy company with a balanced portfolio of businesses, including Allegheny Energy Supply, which owns and operates electric generating facilities and supplies energy and energy-related commodities in selected domestic retail and wholesale markets; Allegheny Power, which delivers low-cost, reliable electric and natural gas service to about three million people in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia; and a business offering fiber-optic and data services, energy procurement and management, and energy services. More information about the Company is available at www.alleghenyenergy.com.