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Allegheny Power warns against imposters

Greensburg, Pa., September 17, 2002 – Impostors pretending to be Allegheny Power employees or contractors, have surfaced in portions of the company’s service area in recent weeks, prompting the company to issue an alert to its customers.

“All Allegheny Power employees, including linemen, servicemen, and meter readers carry the same type of company photo identification card,” said Jim Haney, Vice President of Customer Operations. “Our employees will show this ID to any customer upon request. Allegheny Power contractors, including tree trimming personnel all have company identification cards and often wear clothing displaying their company’s name.”

Customers who are uncertain about the identity of someone claiming to work for Allegheny Power should call the company toll-free any time of day or night at 1-800-Allegheny (1-800-255-3443).

“In most cases, our employees do not need to enter a customer’s house to perform their work,” Haney said. “To be safe, do not allow any individual to enter your home until his or her identity has been confirmed.”

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