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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Allegheny Energy Supply suspends construction of Indiana generating facility**

**Hagerstown, Md., November 13, 2002** -- Allegheny Energy Supply, the generating subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), announced today that it would suspend construction of the 540-megawatt St. Joseph Generating Facility, located 10 miles west of South Bend, Ind., beginning in mid-November because of weak economic and market conditions.

“Allegheny Energy Supply continuously evaluates all of its projects based on the economy and market conditions,” said Michael P. Morrell, President, Allegheny Energy Supply. “Given the weak economy and the soft market for wholesale power, in addition to the Company’s short-term liquidity issues, suspension of this project is prudent at this point in time. We will continue to evaluate the St. Joseph project going forward.”

Construction of the \$400-million natural gas-fired, combined-cycle generating facility began at the end of April. Overall, the project is approximately 38-percent complete.

Construction activities will be winding down on the site through the end of the year. Allegheny Energy Supply will work closely with various construction contractors to preserve and secure the construction site over the next several months.

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 segment offering fiber-optic and data services, energy procurement and management, and energy services. More information about the Company is available at [www.alleghenyenergy.com](http://www.alleghenyenergy.com).