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Energy Conservation Reminder from PJM Interconnection and Allegheny Power

Greensburg, Pa., August 14, 2002 – With high temperatures continuing throughout the area, PJM Interconnection, the electricity grid operator for more than 25 million people in the region, and Allegheny Power expect customers' demand for electricity to be higher than normal.

While PJM expects to have adequate electricity to meet the heavy demand for power, Allegheny Power is again reminding customers that it is always a good idea to use energy wisely.

Some conservation tips for electricity consumers include:

- Close curtains and blinds to keep out the sun and retain cooler air inside your home;
- Postpone using major electric appliances like stoves, dishwashers, and clothes dryers until the cooler evening hours;
- Set your air conditioner thermostat higher than usual; and
- Turn off non-essential electric appliances and equipment.

PJM and Allegheny Power will continue to monitor conditions and request the public's assistance if necessary.

PJM's region includes all or parts of the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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