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**Allegheny Energy, UWUA System Local 102
Reach Tentative Agreement on New Contract**

Hagerstown, Md., April 29, 2002 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. and the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA) System Local 102 today announced that they have reached a tentative agreement on a new five-year contract that would cover the union's 1,165 members.

“We believe that we have reached a fair agreement that meets the needs of our employees and our Company,” said Robert Summers, Allegheny Energy's chief negotiator. “This agreement demonstrates our continuing commitment to valuing our employees and providing reliable, low-cost energy with industry-leading service to our customers.”

William J. Sterner, President, UWUA System Local 102, added, “The Local 102 Negotiating Committee believes that this tentative agreement accomplishes many of the goals the union membership had set. After many months of intense bargaining, this agreement has good provisions to enable both parties to solve long-standing problems.”

The UWUA System Local 102 Executive Board members from four states will meet to review and approve the agreement. Membership ratification meetings will take place over the next several weeks.

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