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Allegheny Power opens new McDonald Service Center

Greensburg, Pa., February 22, 2002 – Allegheny Power, the energy delivery business of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), today celebrated the official opening of a new service center in McDonald, Pa. Located on Route 980 in Robinson Township, the new facility will serve customers in northwestern Washington County, as well as North Fayette and South Fayette townships in Allegheny County.

“We are excited about the opening of this new service center,” said Jay S. Pifer, President of Allegheny Power. “This region is growing rapidly, and the location of this new service center will enable us to improve our response time and more efficiently serve the needs of nearly 20,000 customers in this area.” Before the McDonald Service Center opened, crews traveled from the Washington or Boyce Service Centers to respond to service requests.

The new service center is functional and efficient, reflecting Allegheny Power’s operating philosophy. The building is a one-story, 5,920 square-foot structure situated on a 2.4-acre lot. The site includes a separate storage building and staff parking. The service center is staffed by 14 employees, including lines workers, lines engineering designers, an electric operations manager, and an administrative assistant.

Allegheny Power, an Allegheny Energy company, delivers low-cost energy to three million people in parts of Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. For more information, visit the Company’s web site at www.alleghenypower.com.

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