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**Allegheny Power Reminds Everyone About Power Line Safety**

*Summer Movie 'Like Mike' shows dangerous act*

**Greensburg, Pa, July 3, 2002** — Electricity makes life better – providing us with comfort, protection, pleasure and convenience. However, Allegheny Power would like to remind you that electricity can also be very dangerous, and it's up to adults to protect children, especially around electricity.

A scene from a recently released summer movie titled “*Like Mike*” shows an extremely dangerous act. In the movie, a boy climbs up on a roof to grab an old pair of basketball shoes hanging from a power line. As he reaches for the sneakers, lightning strikes, sending a bolt of electricity down the line, throwing the boy to the ground, still clutching the “energized” shoes. In the movie, the shoes give the boy “super” abilities on the basketball court, allowing him to become the first child star of the NBA.

“The safety of the public is a key concern for Allegheny Power,” states Ron Magnuson, Vice President, Customer Affairs of Allegheny Power. “Our message for everyone, especially children is simple – stay away from all electrical facilities all the time. We are concerned that young people may try to copy the scene or think that they can safely touch a power line. The act is extremely dangerous and would likely result in severe injuries or death.”

Allegheny Power offers these safety tips for kids:

- Never climb poles or towers that hold up electric lines
- Never climb trees near electric lines
- Never play near substations or climb substation fences
- Stay away from all areas marked, “Danger, High Voltage”
- Never fly kites near electric lines
- Always assume that a fallen wire is energized and stay far away from it
- Keep others away fallen wires and send someone to notify Allegheny Power immediately at 1-800-255-3443

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