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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Allegheny Energy Names David C. Benson President of its Subsidiary, Allegheny Energy Supply

Hagerstown, Md., October 3, 2003 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) announced today that David C. Benson, Executive Vice President of its energy supply subsidiary, has been named President, Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC, effective October 13, 2003.

“I am pleased that Dave will continue to lead Allegheny Energy Supply. Excellence in generation operations is critical to our long-term success, and Dave’s capabilities and experience in this area will be important factors in achieving that excellence,” said Paul J. Evanson, Allegheny Energy’s Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Benson has 26 years of service with Allegheny Energy. He was named Executive Vice President of Allegheny Energy Supply in August. Prior to that, he served as Interim Executive Vice President of Supply. He has also held positions as Vice President, Production; Vice President, Production and Sales; Vice President, Energy Supply Division; Vice President, Transmission Business Unit; Director, System Operations; Director, Fuels; Manager, Fuels; and Economist, Fuel and Traffic.

Mr. Benson is a graduate of Penn State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mineral Economics. He has done post-graduate work in economics and mining engineering at the University of Pittsburgh and has completed management training school at the University of Idaho.

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Allegheny Energy is an integrated energy company with a portfolio of businesses, including Allegheny Energy Supply, which owns and operates electric generating facilities and supplies energy and energy-related commodities; and Allegheny Power, which delivers low-cost, reliable electric and natural gas service to about four million people in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. More information about the Company is available at www.alleghenyenergy.com.

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