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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Allegheny Energy Supply Responds to FERC Postponement in Long-Term Contract Case**

**Hagerstown, Md., March 26, 2003** – Allegheny Energy Supply, a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), is gratified that the majority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioners (FERC) and their staff indicated support for the sanctity of the Company's long-term electricity supply contract with the California Department of Water Resources. The Company looks forward to the FERC issuing an order to confirm its support as soon as possible.

Discussions at today's meeting also strengthen Allegheny's position that the claims brought by California against our contract are without merit. This is underscored by the fact that the Company was not included in the show cause orders handed down by the Commission today, nor was Allegheny mentioned in the market manipulations report presented by the FERC staff.

With headquarters in Hagerstown, Md., Allegheny Energy is an integrated energy company with a balanced portfolio of businesses, including Allegheny Energy Supply, which owns and operates electric generating facilities and supplies energy and energy-related commodities in selected domestic retail and wholesale markets; Allegheny Power, which delivers low-cost, reliable electric and natural gas service to about three million people in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia; and a business offering fiber-optic and data services. More information about the Company is available at [www.alleghenyenergy.com](http://www.alleghenyenergy.com).

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