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Allegheny Energy Announces Change to Board of Directors

Hagerstown, Md., September 24, 2003 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) announced today that Wendell F. Holland resigned from its Board of Directors, effective September 17, 2003, to assume his new position as a Commissioner with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC).

Mr. Holland, 51, has served on the Allegheny Energy Board of Directors since 1994. Nominated to the PUC by Gov. Edward G. Rendell, Mr. Holland was unanimously confirmed by the State Senate on September 16 and sworn in to office on September 19. Mr. Holland previously served as a PUC Commissioner from 1990 to 1993, and prior to that as a Judge.

“I would like to thank Wendell for the many contributions he has made to our Company as a director over the last nine years. I wish him the best in his new role and am certain that he will serve the citizens of Pennsylvania well during his tenure on the Commission,” said Paul J. Evanson, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Allegheny Energy.

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 three 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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