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Allegheny Power, West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund Support Energy Conservation Program in Fayette County

Greensburg, Pa., June 19, 2003 – Allegheny Power is working with the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) to establish an energy conservation program that will assist low-income residents in Fayette County. This program, called the Energy Budget Management (EBM) Program, utilizes Internet-based, “smart” thermostats that can be programmed to effectively manage energy use and control costs in customer homes.

Earlier today, the WPPSEF presented a check to the Fayette County Community Action Agency to assist in bringing this state-of-the-art technology to low-income residents in Fayette County. Allegheny Power is providing the thermostats and will monitor and document the reduction in energy use, as well as the associated cost savings, for residents that participate in the program. If successful, this program could be rolled out in other parts of Allegheny Power’s Pennsylvania service territory.

“Allegheny Power is dedicated to bringing value to the communities where we conduct business,” said Edward V. Johnstonbaugh, Project Coordinator, Energy Budget Management Program for Allegheny Power. “The EBM Program will allow us to help people manage their energy bills, while demonstrating the effectiveness of new energy conservation technology. We are excited about the possibilities that this program represents for all types of electricity consumers in Pennsylvania.”

Residents participating in the EBM Program will receive an Internet-enabled “smart” thermostat specifically designed for the program and access to a personalized web page to assist them in managing their energy-buying decisions.

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“The Energy Budget Management Program creates a win-win situation for Allegheny Power and the Fayette County Community Action Agency,” said Daniel R. Sochko, Senior Resource Consultant, Fayette County Community Action Agency. “Allegheny Power will have the opportunity to display the latest energy conservation technology available, and the citizens of Fayette County will benefit from saving money on their energy bills. We are thrilled to be a part of this innovative program and look forward to a long and prosperous partnership with Allegheny Power and the WPPSEF.”

The EBM Program will run for 24 months, during which time representatives from the Fayette County Community Action Agency will administer the program and assist participants in managing their energy use and getting the most value for their energy dollars.

“Part of the mission of the WPPSEF is to promote energy conservation and energy efficiency among industrial, commercial, and residential customers in the West Penn market region,” said Linda McKenna Boxx, President of the WPPSEF Board of Directors. “The Energy Budget Management Program allows us to meet several of our objectives while utilizing state-of-the-art energy conservation technology, making it a good fit for our organization.”

The WPPSEF is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion, development, and deployment of sustainable energy technologies throughout the 23 counties that make up the West Penn Power (doing business as Allegheny Power) service area in western and central Pennsylvania. More information about the organization is available at www.wppsef.org.

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