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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Allegheny Power crews return home safely after providing mutual assistance in Florida**

**Greensburg, Pa., October 18, 2004** – Allegheny Power announced today that the 126 employees sent to assist Florida Power and Light (FPL) with restoration efforts from power outages caused by Hurricane Jeanne have returned safely to their respective service centers in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Since mid-August, more than 500 Allegheny employees played a major role in restoration efforts in Florida and Alabama, helping to restore power to customers of both FPL and Alabama Power.

Overall, more than 5 million FPL customers were affected by one of the worst hurricane seasons in Florida's history as four hurricanes ravaged the state in just six weeks. Hurricanes Jeanne, Charley, Frances and Ivan all caused major destruction and disrupted electric service to millions of residents.

“It gives me great pride to know that Allegheny Power was able to assist utilities in Florida and Alabama as their employees tackled the unprecedented challenge of repairing the extensive damage that was caused to the electrical system in those states,” said Joseph H. Richardson, President of Allegheny Power. “Allegheny Power employees joined a contingent of utility and contractor crews from across the United States and Canada, working around the clock to restore power to customers. And, most importantly, they did it safely.”

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The crews sent to Florida were dispatched from various sections of Allegheny Power's service territory in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, which allowed the Company to minimize any impact their absence would have on its ability to provide safe, reliable electric service, and to respond to customer needs.

“Given the extent of the damage, sending crews down to assist with restoration efforts was clearly the right thing to do when we were asked for help,” continued Richardson. “Allegheny Power employees – both those who traveled south and those who kept operations running smoothly in our service territory in their absence – are to be commended for their tremendous dedication and service.”

Allegheny Power, an Allegheny Energy company, delivers low-cost, reliable electric service to customers in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio. More information about Allegheny Energy is available at [www.alleghenyenergy.com](http://www.alleghenyenergy.com).