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Allegheny Energy Names Mike Adams Vice President, Quality

Hagerstown, Md., April 5, 2004 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) announced today that Mike Adams has been named Vice President, Quality, effective immediately.

“Mike’s extensive experience in quality and organizational effectiveness, along with his people and technology-oriented approach, will prove invaluable in Allegheny’s program to build a high-performance organization that will deliver predictable and top-quartile results for our customers and shareholders,” said Paul J. Evanson, Chairman and CEO.

Mr. Adams previously served as Director, Global Performance Excellence at Microsoft, was managing partner of Mike Adams & Company, a management consulting practice, and was Corporate Manager of Quality Services at FPL Group, Inc. He also served as an advisor to Florida Power and Light when the company pursued and won the Deming Prize, becoming the first non-Japanese company to be awarded the prestigious prize for quality management.

Mr. Adams holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Florida Atlantic University and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Florida. He is currently a member of several boards of directors, including the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the American Society for Quality, where he serves as senior member, the Dr. Juran Medal for Distinguished Leadership, where he serves as chairman, and the U.S. Quality Council of the Conference Board, where he served as past chairman.

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

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