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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Allegheny Energy Names VP Environmental Affairs**

**Greensburg, Pa., August 30, 2004** – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: **AYE**) today announced that David C. Cannon Jr. has joined the company as Vice President for Environmental Affairs. He reports to David Hertzog, Vice President and General Counsel.

“David’s knowledge and experience in environmental affairs and compliance will be of great benefit to Allegheny. His background and capabilities are well suited for the challenges that we face. We are sensitive to our environmental responsibilities and expect to continue to improve our performance in this area,” said Paul J. Evanson, Chairman, President and CEO.

Mr. Cannon spent the past 23 years with PPG Industries, Inc. in various capacities, including most recently as Vice President for Environment, Health, and Safety. Prior to that, he served as an attorney at the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice. Mr. Cannon currently sits on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Environmental Law Institute. He earned his undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Notre Dame and his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Headquartered in Greensburg, Pa., 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](http://www.alleghenyenergy.com).

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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*changes in laws and regulations applicable to Allegheny, its markets, or its activities; environmental regulations; the loss of any significant customers and suppliers; the effect of accounting policies issued periodically by accounting standard-setting bodies; additional collateral calls; and changes in business strategy, operations, or development plans. Additional risks and uncertainties are identified and discussed in Allegheny Energy's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.*

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