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Allegheny Energy Names Suzanne C. Lewis Vice President and Treasurer

Hagerstown, Md., March 11, 2004 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) announced today that Suzanne C. Lewis has been named its Vice President and Treasurer, effective April 1.

In this role, Ms. Lewis will be responsible for the Company's overall treasury strategy and operations, including the coordination of funding, cash management and pension. Additionally, Ms. Lewis will manage the Company's relationships with bankers and rating agencies.

"Suzy's strong treasury background and her financial experience at Allegheny prepare her well for this position. I am confident she will continue to add value to the Company," said Paul J. Evanson, Chairman and CEO.

Since joining Allegheny in September 2003, Ms. Lewis has been Director, Finance and Reengineering, responsible for leading the Company's efforts to optimize cost, managing rating agency relationships and providing oversight to the management of the Company's pension assets. Prior to joining Allegheny, she held a number of positions with IBM, including Director of Business Development and Pricing with its Lotus Division and various positions with Corporate Finance and Treasury.

Ms. Lewis received her Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance from Lehigh University and her MBA in Financial Management from Pace University.

Ms. Lewis is succeeding Regis F. Binder who is retiring. Mr. Binder held the position of Vice President and Treasurer since December 1998.

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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