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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Allegheny Energy Supply Wins Bid to Provide Generation in Maryland Load Solicitation**

**Hagerstown, Md., April 2, 2004** –Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) announced today that its generation supply subsidiary, Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC, was a successful bidder in the recent Standard Offer Service solicitation to provide power for certain commercial and industrial customers in Maryland.

“Under the new contracts awarded in the solicitation, Allegheny Energy Supply will provide about half of the 3.5 million megawatt-hours of generation it previously committed to commercial and industrial demand in Maryland,” said Paul J. Evanson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Allegheny. “The remaining generation will now be available to sell into the open spot market in PJM.”

Through the competitive bidding process, Allegheny Energy Supply was awarded all-requirements load for several classes of commercial and industrial customers in Maryland beginning in January 2005 and expiring at various times in 2005.

“The move to market-based rates in Maryland is a significant step in establishing a truly competitive marketplace for electricity,” said Mr. Evanson. “The State of Maryland and the Public Service Commission are to be congratulated for implementing a successful energy procurement process that is a template for other states.”

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).

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