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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Allegheny Energy Denies Environmental Charges by New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania**

**Greensburg, Pa., May 20, 2004** – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE:AYE) today denied that its subsidiaries violated provisions of the Clean Air Act as alleged by the Attorneys General of New York, Connecticut and New Jersey and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The allegations were made in a Notice of Intent to Sue that the Company received today.

“We believe that we have been and continue to be in compliance with all existing state and federal environmental laws, including the matters described in the Notice,” said Paul J. Evanson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. “We are always mindful of our responsibilities as an environmental steward in the operation of our power plants. Accordingly, we welcome the opportunity to meet with these states to amicably resolve these matters.”

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).

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