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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Allegheny Energy announces project for Earth Day 2004** ***Volunteers to beautify local neighborhoods through Community sMILE Program***

**Hagerstown, Md., April 5, 2004** – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) will continue its tradition of participating in Earth Day this year by sponsoring the second annual Community sMILE Program. Through the program, Allegheny employees, their families and community friends volunteer their time to help beautify the environment by gathering litter that has been improperly discarded.

“The Community sMILE Program is one of many environmental initiatives that Allegheny employees participate in to help make a difference in the communities in which we live and work,” said David C. Benson, President, Allegheny Energy Supply. “What makes this event special is that Allegheny employees team up with members of the community to protect and enhance the environment. Working together, we can make a difference.”

All residents are invited to participate in the Community sMILE Program to help beautify the community. This year’s event will be held on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. until noon at a variety of sites in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland. Volunteers will report to an Allegheny Energy host facility and then branch out into pre-selected areas to collect and bag litter that has been discarded on streets, in parks, and along trails and waterways.

“During the 2003 Community sMILE Program, more than 200 Allegheny employees and community volunteers honored Earth Day by collecting approximately 600 bags of litter,” said Joseph H. Richardson, President, Allegheny Power. “We are hoping to build upon the success of last year’s event with the 2004 Community sMILE Program. Participants will get some fresh air and exercise while helping to bag miles of litter and clean our environment.”

Allegheny’s volunteers in Pennsylvania will work in conjunction with the 2004 Great PA Cleanup, an event sponsored by PA CleanWays and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. In West Virginia, Allegheny’s volunteer efforts will be coordinated with the Adopt-A-Highway Spring Statewide Cleanup, a program funded by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

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Residents wishing to participate in the event must complete and return a Volunteer Registration Form by Friday, April 16. To sign up as a volunteer for the program, please contact the Allegheny Energy host facility in your area:

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