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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Allegheny Energy to Receive a Portion of Daniel L. Gordon's Assets

GREENSBURG, Pa., June 15, 2005 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) today announced that it expects to receive approximately \$11 million from the forfeited assets of Daniel L. Gordon, former head of the company's energy trading subsidiary.

The anticipated payment is the result of an agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. The federal government has been holding certain assets of Gordon, a former employee of Merrill Lynch who joined Allegheny Energy when it purchased the Merrill Lynch energy trading subsidiary, Global Energy Markets, in 2001. Gordon pleaded guilty in 2003 to federal charges of wire fraud, money laundering and conspiracy to falsify books and records. Both Allegheny Energy and Merrill Lynch filed petitions with the court, claiming rights to the funds forfeited to the government as a result of that plea.

Under the agreement, Merrill Lynch and Allegheny Energy will receive equal portions of the assets and may receive additional amounts if certain funds are released from a separate escrow.

Independent of this agreement, Allegheny Energy continues to pursue a separate legal action against Merrill Lynch for fraud and breach of contract related to Allegheny Energy's purchase of Global Energy Markets. Closing arguments in that case were heard on June 3.

Allegheny Energy

Headquartered in Greensburg, Pa., Allegheny Energy is an investor-owned utility consisting of two major businesses. Allegheny Energy Supply owns and operates electric generating facilities, and Allegheny Power delivers low-cost, reliable electric service to customers in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio. For more information, visit our Web site at www.alleghenyenergy.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

In addition to historical information, this release contains a number of "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as anticipate, expect, project, intend, plan, believe, and words and terms of similar substance used in connection with any discussion of future plans, actions, or events identify forward-looking statements. These include statements with respect to: regulation and the status of retail generation service supply competition in states served by

Allegheny Energy's distribution business, Allegheny Power; financing plans; demand for energy and the cost and availability of raw materials, including coal; provider-of-last-resort and power supply contracts; results of litigation; results of operations; internal controls and procedures; capital expenditures; status and condition of plants and equipment; regulatory matters; and accounting issues. Forward-looking statements involve estimates, expectations and projections and, as a result, are subject to risks and uncertainties. There can be no assurance that actual results will not materially differ from expectations. Actual results have varied materially and unpredictably from past expectations. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, among others, the following: changes in the price of power and fuel for electric generation; general economic and business conditions; changes in access to capital markets; complications or other factors that render it difficult or impossible to obtain necessary lender consents or regulatory authorizations on a timely basis; environmental regulations; the results of regulatory proceedings, including proceedings related to rates; changes in industry capacity, development and other activities by Allegheny Energy's competitors; changes in the weather and other natural phenomena; changes in the underlying inputs and assumptions, including market conditions used to estimate the fair values of commodity contracts; changes in laws and regulations applicable to Allegheny Energy, its markets or its activities; the loss of any significant customers or suppliers; dependence on other electric transmission and gas transportation systems and their constraints or availability; changes in PJM, including changes to participant rules and tariffs; the effect of accounting policies issued periodically by accounting standard-setting bodies; and the continuing effects of global instability, terrorism and war. Additional risks and uncertainties are identified and discussed in Allegheny Energy's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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