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Allegheny Power Offers Energy Saving Tips for Hot Weather

GREENSBURG, Pa., June 15, 2005 – Summer weather has arrived and with it comes high temperatures and humidity. Allegheny Power wants customers to know that its transmission and distribution systems are currently working well, and the company does not anticipate any problems meeting the needs of customers during the summer season.

Hot, humid days not only increase the use of electricity, they can also place a strain on customers and their electric bills. The following energy-saving tips can help customers keep cool – and keep their energy costs down – when the temperature goes up.

For homes with air conditioning:

- Set the cooling thermostat as high as comfort permits. The higher the thermostat setting, the more energy customers save.
- Keep lamps, television sets and other heat-producing appliances away from air conditioning thermostats.
- Close registers and turn off window air conditioning units in unused rooms, and keep the doors to those rooms closed (do not close registers if you have central air or a heat pump). Also, make sure that registers are not obstructed by draperies or furniture.
- Check the air conditioner filter at least once a month and clean or replace it as necessary.
- Keep outdoor sections of air conditioning equipment free from shrubs and other obstructions.

General tips to help keep cool while reducing summer energy bills:

- Install the proper amount of insulation in your home, and caulk and weather-strip doors and windows. Keeping heat outdoors during the summer months is just as important as keeping it indoors during the winter months.
- Increase attic ventilation. The attic temperature should never exceed 130 degrees Fahrenheit. Consider a power ventilator if you are unable to provide enough natural ventilation.

- Turn off all lights and electronic devices that are not being used.
- Schedule activities that produce heat and humidity – such as showering or doing the laundry – in the early morning or late evening when outdoor temperatures are generally lower. Also, avoid running only partial loads in the dishwasher, washing machine and clothes dryer.
- Control humidity levels by using exhaust fans when cooking, showering or bathing, and remember to turn off the exhaust fans after humidity has cleared to avoid venting cold air. In addition, it is a good idea to use the microwave rather than the conventional range for cooking chores during the summer months.
- Keep window shades, Venetian blinds and draperies closed on the sunny side of the house, and use devices such as awnings, overhangs and sunscreens to shade windows from the sun.

Keep these tips in mind for long-term planning:

- Plant trees on the south, east and west sides of the house to provide shade. They will also cool the air as moisture evaporates from their leaves.
- Use light colors to reflect solar heat. Keep this in mind when selecting shingles for the roof or paint for the outside walls.

For more information about keeping energy costs down during the summer season, call 1-800-Allegheny (1-800-255-3443) and request a copy of our “100 Ways to Help Control Your Energy Bill” brochure, or visit our web site at www.alleghenypower.com.

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