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Allegheny Energy Aids in Hurricane Katrina Recovery

GREENSBURG, Pa., September 1, 2005 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) announced today that it has mobilized about 400 employees and contractors to the storm-ravaged areas of the southeastern United States, where Hurricane Katrina left nearly 3 million customers without power.

“This is a time for all areas of the country to help alleviate this human tragedy,” said Paul J. Evanson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Allegheny Energy. “Allegheny will provide as much assistance as we can while still maintaining a high level of service for our customers at home.”

On August 25, Allegheny sent approximately 90 employees to south Florida to provide assistance after the storm struck the Florida coast. On Friday, these employees will be sent to assist Mississippi Power and Entergy. They will be joined by an additional 40 Allegheny Energy employees and more than 260 tree trimming contractors being dispatched from Allegheny territory.

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.

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