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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Allegheny Energy to Streamline Filings with Securities and Exchange Commission

GREENSBURG, Pa., January 27, 2005 -- Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) today announced that two of its subsidiaries will suspend filing certain reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), consistent with federal securities law.

The subsidiaries, Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC and West Penn Power Company, are eligible to suspend their reporting obligations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 because each has fewer than 300 holders of record of any class of its securities. Both companies today filed a Form 15 with the Securities and Exchange Commission to suspend their reporting obligations under the Act.

“We’re always looking for ways to reduce costs and streamline operations,” said Jeffrey Serkes, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Allegheny Energy. “We have determined that it is not cost-effective to maintain SEC-registered status for Allegheny Energy Supply and West Penn. Nevertheless, we are committed to providing public financial information about both companies.”

The company intends to post quarterly financial statements, annual audited financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements for Allegheny Energy Supply and West Penn on the company’s website at <http://www.alleghenyenergy.com>.

Allegheny Energy

Headquartered in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, 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 website 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 delivery business, Allegheny Power; the closing of various

agreements; execution of restructuring activity and liquidity enhancement plans; results of litigation; financing and plans; demand for energy and the cost and availability of inputs; demand for products and services; capacity purchase commitments; results of operations; capital expenditures; regulatory matters; internal controls and procedures and accounting issues; and stockholder rights plans. 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. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, among others, the following: execution of restructuring activity and liquidity enhancement plans; complications or other factors that render it difficult or impossible to obtain necessary lender consents or regulatory authorizations on a timely basis; general economic and business conditions; changes in access to capital markets; the continuing effects of global instability, terrorism, and war; changes in industry capacity, development, and other activities by Allegheny's competitors; changes in the weather and other natural phenomena; changes in technology; changes in the price of power and fuel for electric generation; the results of regulatory proceedings, including those related to rates; changes in the underlying inputs, including market conditions, and assumptions used to estimate the fair values of commodity contracts; changes in laws and regulations applicable to Allegheny, its markets, or its activities; environmental regulations; the loss of any significant customers and suppliers; the effect of accounting policies issued periodically by accounting standard-setting bodies; additional collateral calls; and changes in business strategy, operations, or development plans. Additional risks and uncertainties are identified and discussed in Allegheny Energy's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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