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Allegheny Ventures Completes Sale of Appalachian Electric Heating

Greensburg, Pa., May 6, 2005 – Allegheny Ventures, a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE:AYE), today announced that it has completed the sale of Appalachian Electric Heating for an undisclosed amount. The business was sold to Mr. David and Mr. Daniel Akers of Bradley, W.Va., who will continue to operate under the name of Appalachian Heating, LLC.

“Allegheny is focusing on its core business, and the sale of this non-strategic asset allows us to take another step toward improving the overall financial strength of the company,” said Joseph H. Richardson, President, Allegheny Power. “We are pleased to be able to sell the business to Dave and Dan Akers so they can continue to provide quality heating and air conditioning services for residents in southern West Virginia.”

Allegheny acquired Appalachian Electric Heating as part of its purchase of West Virginia Power from Missouri-based UtiliCorp United in January 2000. Originally started by the Akers family, Appalachian has provided heating, ventilation and air conditioning installation and service to residential and commercial customers for 46 years.

“We are happy to acquire the business that our family started nearly 50 years ago,” said Dave Akers, Owner, Appalachian Heating, LLC. “We feel connected to the region, and we look forward to continuing to be a part of the local community.”

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