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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Allegheny Power Cautions Against Imposters**

**GREENSBURG, Pa., October 7, 2005** – Imposters pretending to be Allegheny Power employees or contractors have surfaced in portions of the company’s southwestern Pennsylvania service area in recent weeks, prompting the company to issue an alert to its customers.

“All Allegheny Power employees, including lineworkers, servicemen and meter readers carry the same type of company photo identification card,” said Joseph H. Richardson, President, Allegheny Power. “Our employees will show this ID to any customer upon request. Allegheny Power contractors, including tree trimming personnel, all have company identification cards and often wear clothing displaying their company’s name.”

Customers who are uncertain about the identity of someone claiming to work for Allegheny Power should call the company toll-free any time of the day or night at 1-800-Allegheny (1-800-255-3443).

“In most cases, our employees do not need to enter a customer’s house to perform their work, and they do not charge a fee for work performed on site,” Richardson added. “To be safe, do not allow any individual to enter your home until his or her identity has been confirmed.”

Allegheny Power, an Allegheny Energy company, delivers low-cost, reliable electric service to customers in parts of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio. For more information about Allegheny, visit our web site at [www.alleghenyenergy.com](http://www.alleghenyenergy.com).

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