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Monongahela Power Company Declares Quarterly Dividend on Preferred Stock

GREENSBURG, Pa., December 21, 2005 – The Board of Directors of Monongahela Power Company, a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), today announced that it has declared quarterly dividends on all series of its Cumulative Preferred Stock, payable on February 1, 2006, to shareholders of record at the close of business on January 16, 2006.

<u>Preferred Series</u>	<u>Declaration</u>
4.40%	1.10% (\$1.10 per share)
4.80%, Series B	1.20% (\$1.20 per share)
4.50%, Series C	1.125% (\$1.125 per share)
\$6.28, Series D	\$1.57 (\$1.57 per share)

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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