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Allegheny Energy Adopts Majority Vote Standard for Election of Directors

GREENSBURG, Pa., December 13, 2006 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE:AYE) today announced that its board of directors has amended the company's bylaws regarding the election of directors. The amendment increases the board's accountability to shareholders and reaffirms the company's commitment to good corporate governance.

The amended bylaws adopt a majority voting standard, which requires that a director offer to resign if votes "withheld" for his or her election exceed votes "for" the candidate in an uncontested election. The board would then decide whether to accept the resignation.

"We are committed to implementing high standards for corporate governance," said Paul J. Evanson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Allegheny Energy. "This change in the bylaws gives our shareholders a stronger voice in the company."

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 and Virginia. For more information, visit our Web site at www.alleghenyenergy.com.

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