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Allegheny Energy Hosts Meeting of the U.S. Quality Council

GREENSBURG, Pa., October 9, 2007 – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) is pleased to welcome the U.S. Quality Council today at its headquarters in Greensburg, Pa. The council is visiting Allegheny to learn about its corporate turnaround and growth story, with a particular emphasis on its High Performance Organization initiatives.

“We welcome the opportunity to discuss our high performance culture and how it has contributed to our success,” said Paul J. Evanson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Allegheny Energy. “Scores of small high-performance projects have aided our financial turnaround and set the company on a path for growth.”

Council attendees include representatives of 3M, Cisco Systems, Corning, FPL Group, Hewlett-Packard, Johnson & Johnson, Milliken & Co., Nokia and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

About the Quality Council

The U.S. Quality Council is a council of *The Conference Board's* Global Center for Performance Excellence. The first of the Center's 5 Councils, this flagship group is comprised of executives from companies known to be leaders in performance excellence and quality. Member firms are drawn from a broad range of industries. The forum provides a means to transfer information and share insights and successful practices for the benefit of the members.

Allegheny Energy

Headquartered in Greensburg, Pa., Allegheny Energy is an investor-owned electric utility with total annual revenues of over \$3 billion and more than 4,000 employees. The company owns and operates generating facilities and delivers low-cost, reliable electric service to over 1.5 million customers in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia. For more information, visit our Web site at www.alleghenyenergy.com.

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