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### **Allegheny Energy Transmission Line Brings Jobs to West Virginia**

**Greensburg, Pa., JULY 26, 2007** – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) and Kenny Construction Company announced today that Kenny has leased office space in downtown Fairmont, W.Va. to house the construction headquarters for the proposed Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line (TrAIL). At peak times, about 80 people will work out of the Veterans Square Building.

Kenny Construction is providing Allegheny with project management services for engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction, permitting and testing for the 500-kV transmission line project.

Approximately 30 construction managers and other professionals will relocate to the Fairmont area.

In addition, Kenny will supplement its workforce through local hiring and will recruit individuals through job fairs, career services offices and temporary agencies.

“We are pleased with the addition of Kenny Construction Company to the local business community,” said Fairmont Mayor Scott Sears. “The addition of these high-quality jobs is an important step in the revitalization of downtown Fairmont and helps us to support our master plan by locating professional workers in the downtown area. Increased pedestrian traffic benefits our business district.”

Ed Snider, Vice President of Adams Office Supply Co., welcomed the opportunity to do business with Kenny, noting his firm supplied office and conference room furniture for the new construction headquarters. “I’m excited that there are another couple of dozen people working downtown to eat at the restaurants and patronize merchants.”

“Fairmont is an ideal site for Kenny’s construction headquarters, providing ready access to our proposed route in both West Virginia and Pennsylvania,” said Paul Evanson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Allegheny Energy. “The opening of this office marks real progress in our plans to enhance the reliability of the regional electric grid.”

While TrAIL is necessary to meet growing demand for power in West Virginia, Southwestern Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the Mid-Atlantic region, TrAIL also offers economic benefits to West Virginia, including:

- expanding markets for local coal;
- creating an estimated 700 jobs during the construction phase (2007-2011); and
- potential for new generation projects, including clean-coal technologies and renewables.

Allegheny has filed with public utility commissions in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Virginia for authorization to construct the line. The approval process encourages public input and includes public hearings. For more information about TrAIL, go to [www.aptrailinfo.com](http://www.aptrailinfo.com).

### **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](http://www.alleghenyenergy.com).

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