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Allegheny Power, West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund Support Lighting Improvement Project in Washington County

Greensburg, Pa., August 13, 2003 – Allegheny Power is working with the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) to replace the lighting systems at the Allenport Borough Municipal Building, located in Washington County. The building is used frequently by members of the community and, not only serves as a food bank, bingo room, and gymnasium, but also houses the Allenport Volunteer Fire Department.

Earlier today, the WPPSEF presented a check to Allenport Borough to assist in the installation of the new state-of-the-art lighting systems for the municipal building. Allegheny Power has provided consulting services to the borough to help maximize the value of the grant from the WPPSEF and will follow-up after the systems have been installed to analyze their effectiveness. Allenport Borough plans to procure all materials and labor for the project from local businesses and contractors in the region.

“The WPPSEF/Allegheny Power partnership is dedicated to bringing value and energy efficiency to the communities where we conduct business,” said Edward V. Johnstonbaugh, Project Coordinator for Allegheny Power. “The new, energy-efficient lighting systems that will be installed in the Allenport Municipal Building will provide more light while using less power. This will allow the Borough of Allenport to not only modernize this important community facility, but also to reduce its overall energy costs.”

The lighting system upgrades cover all interior and exterior lighting of the municipal building, including the council chambers, the gymnasium, the kitchen, the restrooms, and all common areas. The upgrades also include emergency lighting, as well as the lighting system of the Allenport Volunteer Fire Department.

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“We are very grateful to the WPPSEF and Allegheny Power for helping Allenport Borough to upgrade a facility that plays such an important role in the community,” said Councilman Dennis Martinak, Allenport Borough. “The lighting upgrades not only cover the interior lighting of our community facility, but also the exterior lighting, as well as the fire house. In addition, we hope that the new lighting systems will allow us to save money on our energy bill.”

“Part of the mission of the WPPSEF is to promote energy conservation and energy efficiency among industrial, commercial, and residential customers in the West Penn market region,” said Linda McKenna Boxx, President of the WPPSEF Board of Directors. “The Allenport Lighting Project allows us to support the improvement of the infrastructure of a multi-use facility by utilizing state-of-the-art, energy-conserving lighting, making it a good fit for our organization.”

The WPPSEF is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion, development, and deployment of sustainable energy technologies throughout the 23 counties that make up the West Penn Power (doing business as Allegheny Power) service area in western and central Pennsylvania. More information about the organization is available at www.wppsef.org.

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