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## **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 **FORM 10-Q** QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the quarter ended September 30, 2010 Commission File Number 1-267 ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. (Name of Registrant) Maryland 13-5531602 (State of Incorporation) (IRS Employer Identification Number) 800 Cabin Hill Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) (724) 837-3000 (Telephone Number) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☑ No □ Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes $\square$ No $\square$ Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one): Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer □ Smaller reporting company (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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As of October 29, 2010, 169,939,233 shares of the common stock, par value of \$1.25 per share, of the registrant were outstanding.

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### **GLOSSARY**

### I. The following abbreviations and names are used in this report to identify Allegheny Energy, Inc. and its subsidiaries:

AE	Allegheny Energy, Inc., a diversified utility holding company
AESC	Allegheny Energy Service Corporation, a subsidiary of AE
AE Supply	Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC, an unregulated generation subsidiary of AE
AGC	Allegheny Generating Company, a generation subsidiary of AE Supply and Monongahela
Allegheny	Allegheny Energy, Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries
Distribution Companies	Monongahela, Potomac Edison and West Penn, which collectively do business as Allegheny Power
Monongahela	Monongahela Power Company, a regulated subsidiary of AE
PATH, LLC	Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline, LLC, a series limited liability company
PATH Allegheny	PATH Allegheny Transmission Company, LLC
PATH Allegheny MD	PATH Allegheny Maryland Transmission Company, LLC
PATH Allegheny VA	PATH Allegheny Virginia Transmission Corporation
PATH WV	PATH West Virginia Transmission Company, LLC
Potomac Edison	The Potomac Edison Company, a regulated subsidiary of AE
TrAIL Company	Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company
West Penn	

West Penn Power Company, a regulated subsidiary of AE

# The following abbreviations and acronyms are used in this report to identify entities and terms relevant to Allegheny's business and operations: CDD Cooling Degree-Days Clean Air Act Clean Air Act of 1970 ${\rm CO}_2$ Carbon dioxide **EPA** United States Environmental Protection Agency Exchange Act Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended **ENEC** Expanded Net Energy Clause in West Virginia **FERC** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission FirstEnergy FirstEnergy Corp. FPA Federal Power Act FTRs Financial Transmission Rights GAAP Generally accepted accounting principles used in the United States of America HDD Heating Degree-Days kW Kilowatt, which is equal to 1,000 watts kWhKilowatt-hour, a unit of electric energy equivalent to one kW operating for one hour Maryland PSC Maryland Public Service Commission MW Megawatt, which is equal to 1,000,000 watts MWh

Megawatt-hour, a unit of electric energy equivalent to one MW operating for one hour

NERC	North American Electric Reliability Corporation
$NO_X$	Nitrogen Oxide
NSR	The New Source Performance Review Standards, or "New Source Review," applicable to facilities deemed "new" sources of emissions by the EPA
РАТН	Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline
Pennsylvania PUC	Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
PJM	PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., a regional transmission organization
PLR	Provider-of-last-resort
PURPA	Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978
RPM	Reliability Pricing Model, which is PJM's capacity market
RTEP	Regional Transmission Expansion Plan
RTO	Regional Transmission Organization
Scrubbers	Flue-gas desulfurization equipment
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
SO <sub>2</sub>	Sulfur dioxide
sos	Standard Offer Service
T&D	Transmission and distribution
ΓrAIL	Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line

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Virginia State Corporation Commission

West Virginia PSC

Public Service Commission of West Virginia

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (unaudited)

	Three Mon Septemb		Nine Mon Septem	ths Ended
(In millions, except per share amounts)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Operating revenues	\$1,043.7	\$793.7	\$3,038.3	\$2,565.7
Operating expenses:				
Fuel	323.3	188.0	937.0	663.8
Purchased power and transmission	114.4	134.2	389.7	380.4
Deferred energy costs, net	17.7	(14.3)	28.0	(38.9 )
Gain on sale of Virginia distribution business	0	0	(45.1 )	0
Operations and maintenance	196.2	151.2	573.4	518.9
Depreciation and amortization	81.2	71.3	241.7	207.0
Taxes other than income taxes	58.3	57.4	171.9	159.7
Total operating expenses	791.1	587.8	2,296.6	1,890.9
Operating income	252.6	205.9	741.7	674.8
Other income (expense), net	4.4	1.9	9.7	6.1
Interest expense	83.6	85.1	240.1	201.5

Income before income taxes	173.4	122.7	511.3	479.4			
Income tax expense							
•	58.3	45.3	187.8	195.1			
Net income	115.1	77.4	323.5	284.3			
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	0	(0.4)	0	(0.8)			
Net income attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.	<u>\$115.1</u>	\$77.0	\$323.5	\$283.5			
Earnings per common share attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.:	Earnings per common share attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.:						
Basic	\$0.68	\$0.45	\$1.91	\$1.67			
Diluted	\$0.68	\$0.45	\$1.90	\$1.67			
Average common shares outstanding:							
Basic	169.8	169.6	169.7	169.5			
Diluted	170.3	170.0	170.1	169.9			
Dividends per common share	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.45	\$0.45			

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(In millions)	2010	2009
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$323.5	\$284.3
Adjustments for non-cash items included in income:	φ 323.3	Ψ204.3
Depreciation and amortization	241.7	207.0
Amortization of debt related costs	19.3	9.5
Amortization of liability for adverse power purchase commitment	(13.4)	(13.1)
Gain on sale of Virginia distribution business	(45.1)	0
Provision for uncollectible accounts		
Deferred income taxes and investment tax credit, net	12.9	12.3
Deferred energy costs, net	189.6	188.5
Stock-based compensation expense	28.0	(38.9)
	17.5	11.9
Unrealized losses (gains) on derivative contracts, net	(2.4 )	(16.1)
Pension and other postretirement employee benefit plan expense	44.6	30.0

Contributions to pension and other postretirement plans	(69.6 )	(45.1)
Deferred revenue-Fort Martin scrubber project	(2.9 )	8.1
Deferred revenue recognized-Virginia	0	(28.3)
Deferred revenue–energy efficiency programs	12.9	
Uncollected transmission revenue	(33.7)	0 (14.6 )
Other, net	(11.5)	12.9
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	(12.2)	1.0
Materials, supplies and fuel	70.5	(85.2)
Prepaid taxes	(7.6 )	(12.2)
Collateral deposits	(27.0 )	32.7
Accounts payable		
Accrued taxes	(38.4)	(45.3)
Accrued interest	(23.6)	(55.7)
Regulatory assets and liabilities	22.0	9.1
Deferred income taxes	(30.9)	23.5
	(2.0 )	(2.6)
Distributions from equity method investee	0	1.3

Assets and liabilities held for sale	(8.6 )	3.1
Other operating assets and liabilities	(6.3 )	5.6
Net cash provided by operating activities	647.3	483.7

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued) (unaudited)

		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(In millions)	2010	2009	
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:			
Capital expenditures	(726.6 )	(870.1)	
Proceeds from sale of Virginia distribution business	317.2	0	
Decrease in restricted funds	40.2	131.0	
Deconsolidation of PATH WV	(3.4 )	0	
Other	(4.0 )	(3.6 )	
Net cash used in investing activities	(376.6 )	(742.7)	
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:			
Issuance of long-term debt	1,011.8	709.2	
Repayment of long-term debt	(1,021.4)	(438.3)	
Costs associated with AE Supply revolving credit facility refinancing	(0.1 )	(21.6)	
Equity contribution to PATH, LLC by the joint venture partner	0	6.9	
Payments on capital lease obligations	(8.3 )	(6.4 )	

Proceeds from exercise of employee stock options	0.8	1.6
Cash dividends paid on common stock	(76.3 )	(76.2)
Other	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	0
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(93.7 )	175.2
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	177.0	(83.8 )
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	286.6	362.1
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$463.6	<u>\$278.3</u>
Supplemental Cash Flow Information:		
Cash paid during the period for interest (net of amounts capitalized)	\$198.9	\$182.5
Cash paid during the period for income taxes, net	\$14.1	\$48.6
Accounts payable at September 30 relating to capital expenditures	\$135.4	\$136.3

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited)

(In millions)	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$463.6	\$286.6
Accounts receivable:		
Customer	235.3	188.2
Unbilled utility revenue	97.8	116.4
Wholesale and other	41.3	64.4
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	(15.5 )	(14.0 )
Materials and supplies	109.2	110.6
Fuel	140.9	206.4
Deferred income taxes		
Prepaid taxes	0	81.5
Collateral deposits	56.0	48.4
Derivative assets	21.5	20.8
	45.0	4.6

	Restricted funds	14.3	25.9
	Regulatory assets	114.8	132.7
	Assets held for sale		32.4
	Other	0	
	Total current assets	76.2	40.4
		1,400.4	1,345.3
Pro	perty, Plant and Equipment:		
	Generation	7,548.6	7,469.4
	Transmission		
		1,408.2	1,313.2
	Distribution	3,888.5	3,784.4
	Other	498.7	440.7
	Accumulated depreciation	(5,308.0 )	(5,104.9 )
	Calculation	(5,506.0	(3,104.7
	Subtotal	8,036.0	7,902.8
	Construction work in progress	1,104.7	800.6
		1,104.7	800.0
	Property, plant and equipment held for sale, net	0	253.7
	Total property, plant and equipment, net	9,140.7	8,957.1
Oth	ner Noncurrent Assets:	7,1 10.1	0,707.1
	Regulatory assets	730.9	717.3

Goodwill		
	367.3	367.3
Destricted founds		
Restricted funds	31.6	60.2
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates		
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Derivative assets	22.6	0
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Other		
	99.7	115.2
Total other noncurrent assets		
	1,301.0	1,286.7
Total Assets	\$11,842.1	\$11,589.1

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Continued) (unaudited)

(In millions, except share amounts)	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Long-term debt due within one year	\$15.5	\$140.8
Accounts payable	360.0	411.4
Accrued taxes	78.6	87.3
Payable to PJM for FTRs		
Derivative liabilities	10.0	31.7
Regulatory liabilities	4.0	24.4
Accrued interest	12.6	37.4
Security deposits	90.0	68.3
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	53.8	51.0
Deferred income taxes	0	10.1
	6.2	0
Other	119.2	123.2

#### **Commitments and Contingencies (Note 18)**

Total deferred credits and other liabilities

3,110.1

3,058.4

## **Equity:**

Common stock-\$1.25 par value per share, 260,000,000 shares authorized and 169,990,965 and 169,620,917 shares issued at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively	212.5	212.0
	212.5	212.0
Other paid-in capital	1,984.1	1,970.2
	1,501.1	1,5 / 0.2
Retained earnings	1,269.9	1,022.7
Treasury stock at cost–54,955 and 51,313 shares at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively		,
2009, Tespectively	(1.9)	(1.8)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(33.1 )	(89.9)
Total Allegheny Energy, Inc. common stockholders' equity		
Total Anegheny Energy, me. common stockholders equity	3,431.5	3,113.2
Noncontrolling interest		
Noncontrolling interest	0	14.9
Total equity		
Total equity	3,431.5	3,128.1
Total Liabilities and Equity		
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$11,842.1	<u>\$11,589.1</u>

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (unaudited)

(In millions, except shares)	Shares outstanding	Common stock	Other paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Total Allegheny Energy, Inc. common stockholders' equity	Noncontrolling interest	Total equity
Balance at June 30, 2010	169,614,706	\$ 212.1	\$1,979.6	\$1,180.2	\$ (1.8 )	\$ (64.2 )	\$ 3,305.9	\$ 0	\$3,305.9
Net income	0	0	0	115.1	0	0	115.1	0	115.1
Amortization - pension and other post employment benefit ("OPEB") plans, net of tax of \$0.5 million	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	1.0	0	1.0
Adjustment to unamortized OPEB plan actuarial loss, net of tax of \$5.2 million	0	0	0	0	0	7.8	7.8	0	7.8
Cash flow hedges, net of tax of \$14.1	0	0	0	0	0	22.4	22.4	0	22.4
Dividends on common stock	0	0	0	(25.5 )	0	0	(25.5)	0	(25.5 )
Stock-based compensation expense:									
Non-employee director stock awards	3,000	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.2
Stock options	0	0	3.8	0	0	0	3.8	0	3.8
Performance shares	0	0	4.5	0	0	0	4.5	0	4.5
Restricted shares	0	0	0.2	0	(0.1 )	0	0.1	0	0.1

Exercise of stock options	12,148	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.2
Issuance of performance shares	309,798	0.4	(4.4 )	0	0	0	(4.0 )	0	(4.0 )
Purchase of treasury shares	(3,642 )	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0.1	0	(0.1)	0	0	0
Balance at September 30, 2010									
	169,936,010	\$ 212.5	\$1,984.1	\$1,269.9	\$ (1.9 )	\$ (33.1 )	\$ 3,431.5  Total Allegheny Energy, Inc.	\$ 0	\$3,431.5
(In millions, except shares)	Shares outstanding	Common stock	Other paid-in capital	Retained	Treasury stock	other comprehensive loss	common stockholders' equity	Noncontrolling interest	Total
Balance at June 30, 2009	169,482,591	\$ 211.9	\$1,981.9	\$887.3	\$ (1.8 )	\$ (33.6 )	\$ 3,045.7	\$ 5.6	\$3,051.3
Net income	0	0	0	77.0	0	0	77.0	0.4	77.4
Amortization - pension and other OPEB plans, net of tax of \$0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0.8	0.8	0	0.8
Cash flow hedges, net of tax of \$(21.4)	0	0	0	0	0	(33.7 )	(33.7 )		(33.7 )
Equity contribution to PATH, LLC by AEP									
Dividends on common stock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.6	6.6
Stock-based compensation expense:	0	0	0	(25.4)	0	0	(25.4)	0	(25.4)
Non-employee director stock awards	2.053	٠		٠			0.5	٥	0.5
Stock options	3,000	0	1.7	0	0	0	1.7	0	1.7

Performance shares									
	0	0	1.4	0	0	0	1.4	0	1.4
Exercise of stock options	22.060	0	0.4	0	0	0	0.4	0	0.4
	33,060	0	0.4	0	0	0	0.4	0	0.4
Settlement of stock units									
	3,573	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Share-based excess tax benefits									
	0	0	(19.7)	0	0	0	(19.7	0	(19.7)
Balance at September 30, 2009									
	169,522,224	\$ 211.9	\$1,965.9	\$938.9	\$ (1.8	\$ (66.5	) \$ 3,048.4	\$ 12.6	\$3,061.0

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (unaudited)

(In millions, except shares)	Shares outstanding	Common stock	Other paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Total Allegheny Energy, Inc. common stockholders' equity	Noncontrolling interest	Total equity
Balance at December 31, 2009	169,569,604	\$ 212.0	\$1,970.2	\$1,022.7	\$ (1.8 )	\$ (89.9		\$ 14.9	\$3,128.1
Net income	0	0	0	323.5	0	0	323.5	0	323.5
Amortization - pension and OPEB plans, net of tax of \$1.7 million	0	0	0	0	0	2.5	2.5	0	2.5
Adjustment to unamortized OPEB plan actuarial loss, net of tax of \$4.9 million	0	0	0	0	0	7.4	7.4	0	7.4
Cash flow hedges, net of tax of \$29.8	0	0	0	0	0	46.9	46.9	0	46.9
Deconsolidation of PATH WV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(14.9 )	(14.9 )
Dividends on common stock	0	0	0	(76.3 )	0	0	(76.3)	0	(76.3 )
Stock-based compensation expense:									
Non-employee director stock awards	9,000	0	0.6	0	0	0	0.6	0	0.6
Stock options	0	0	6.5	0	0	0	6.5	0	6.5
Performance shares	0	0	10.2	0	0	0	10.2	0	10.2

Restricted shares	0	0	0.3	0	(0.1 )	0	0.2	0	0.2
Exercise of stock options	51,250	0.1	0.7	0	0	0	0.8	0	0.8
Issuance of performance shares	309,798	0.4	(4.4 )	0	0	0	(4.0 )	0	(4.0 )
Purchase of treasury shares	(3,642 )	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance at September 30, 2010	169,936,010	\$ 212.5	\$1,984.1	\$1,269.9	\$ (1.9)	<u>\$ (33.1</u> )	\$ 3,431.5	\$ 0	\$3,431.5
(In millions, except shares)	Shares outstanding	Common stock	Other paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Treasury stock	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Total Allegheny Energy, Inc. common stockholders' equity	Noncontrolling interest	Total equity
Balance at December 31, 2008	169,364,394	\$ 211.8	\$1,952.5	\$731.6	\$ (1.8 )	\$ (43.3 )	\$ 2,850.8	\$ 4.9	\$2,855.7
Net income	0	0	0	283.5	0	0	283.5	0.8	284.3
Amortization - pension and OPEB plans, net of tax of \$1.7	0	0	0	0	0	2.5	2.5	0	2.5
Cash flow hedges, net of tax of \$(16.5)	0	0	0	0	0	(25.7 )		0	(25.7 )
Equity contribution to PATH, LLC by AEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.9	6.9
Dividends on common stock	0	0	0	(76.2)		0	(76.2)		(76.2 )
Stock-based compensation expense:									
Non-employee director stock awards	18,907	0	0.7	0	0	0	0.7	0	0.7
Stock options	0	0	5.6	0	0	0	5.6	0	5.6

Performance shares									
	0	0	5.5	0	0	0	5.5	0	5.5
Restricted shares									
	17,850	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.1
Exercise of stock options									
	117,500	0.1	1.5	0	0	0	1.6	0	1.6
Settlement of stock units									
	3,573	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance at September 30, 2009									
	169,522,224	\$ 211.9	\$1,965.9	\$938.9	\$ (1.8	\$ (66.5	) \$ 3,048.4	\$ 12.6	\$3,061.0

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

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# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) (unaudited)

#### NOTE 1: BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

#### **Business Description**

Allegheny Energy, Inc. ("AE" and, together with its subsidiaries, "Allegheny") is an integrated energy business. Allegheny owns and operates electric generation facilities primarily in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland. Additionally, Allegheny owns transmission assets in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia and provides distribution services to customers in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland. Allegheny manages its operations through two business segments: Merchant Generation and Regulated Operations. These business segments are also referred to as reportable segments.

The Merchant Generation segment includes Allegheny's unregulated electric generation operations including Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC ("AE Supply") and AE Supply's interest in Allegheny Generating Company ("AGC"). AE Supply owns, operates and controls electric generation capacity and supplies and trades energy and energy-related commodities. AGC owns and sells generation capacity to AE Supply and Monongahela Power Company ("Monongahela"), which own approximately 59% and 41% of AGC, respectively. The Merchant Generation segment is subject to various federal and state regulations but, unlike the Regulated Operations segment, is not generally subject to state regulation of rates.

The Regulated Operations segment includes the operations of Monongahela, The Potomac Edison Company ("Potomac Edison") and West Penn Power Company ("West Penn" and, together with Monongahela and Potomac Edison, the "Distribution Companies"), which primarily operate electric transmission and distribution ("T&D") systems in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland, as well as transmission in Virginia. Monongahela also owns and operates electric generation facilities in West Virginia and has a 41% interest in AGC. The Distribution Companies are subject to various federal and state regulations, including state regulation of rates.

The Regulated Operations segment also includes the operations of Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company ("TrAIL Company") and Allegheny's interests in Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline, LLC ("PATH, LLC"). These entities were created to construct or facilitate the construction of high voltage transmission lines and other transmission facilities, including the Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line ("TrAIL") and the Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline ("PATH"). TrAIL Company and PATH, LLC are subject to the regulation of rates by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). PATH, LLC is a series limited liability company that is comprised of multiple series, each of which has separate rights, powers and duties regarding specified property and the series profits and losses associated with such property. A subsidiary of AE owns 100% of the Allegheny Series and 50% of the West Virginia Series ("PATH WV"), which is a joint venture with a subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc. ("AEP"). Allegheny accounts for its interest in PATH WV using the equity method of accounting, effective January 1, 2010. See Note 3, "Recently Adopted and Recently Issued Accounting Standards" for additional information.

On June 1, 2010, Potomac Edison sold its electric distribution business in Virginia. See Note 4, "Sale of Virginia Distribution Business" for additional information.

Allegheny Energy Service Corporation ("AESC") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AE that employs substantially all of Allegheny's personnel.

#### **Financial Statement Presentation**

As permitted by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), Allegheny's accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements contain certain condensed financial

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information and exclude certain footnote disclosures normally included in annual audited consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). These unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with Allegheny's Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

The accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements contain all adjustments, including normal recurring accruals, necessary to present fairly Allegheny's financial position, results of operations, cash flows and changes in equity for the periods presented therein. The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the full year. Information for quarterly periods is affected by seasonal variations in revenues, fuel and energy purchases and other factors. The year-end 2009 balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP. Certain amounts in previously issued financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation, including a change in the composition of reportable segments made during the fourth quarter of 2009.

#### Goodwill

Allegheny's consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 included goodwill of \$367.3 million, which was attributable to the unregulated generation operations of AE Supply, a reporting unit that substantially comprises Allegheny's Merchant Generation segment.

Allegheny tests goodwill for possible impairment on an annual basis as of August 31 of each year and at any other time if events or changes in circumstances make it likely that the fair value of the reporting unit has decreased below its carrying amount.

Goodwill is tested for impairment using a fair value based approach. The first step of the test consists of comparing the reporting unit's fair value to its carrying value, including the goodwill allocated to the reporting unit. If the reporting unit's fair value exceeds its carrying amount, the reporting unit's goodwill is considered not impaired. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, a second step is performed to measure the amount of the impairment loss, if any. The second step requires a calculation of the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill determined in the same manner as the amount of goodwill recorded in a business combination. This implied fair value is then compared to the carrying amount of the goodwill. If the carrying amount of the goodwill exceeds its implied fair value, an impairment loss is recognized.

Allegheny performed its annual goodwill impairment test as of August 31, 2010. The estimated fair value of the reporting unit exceeded its carrying amount by a significant amount and, therefore, no goodwill impairment was indicated at that date. The fair value was estimated using a combination of a discounted cash flow analysis approach and a market based approach that estimates fair value based on market multiples of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization for other merchant generators. Significant assumptions used in estimating the fair value of the reporting unit include, among others, discount and growth rates, future energy and capacity prices, plant performance, operating and capital expenditures, environmental regulations, and the selection of comparable companies used in the market based approach.

#### **NOTE 2: MERGER AGREEMENT**

On February 10, 2010, AE entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (as amended on June 4, 2010, the "Merger Agreement") with FirstEnergy Corp. ("FirstEnergy") and Element Merger Sub, Inc. ("Merger Sub"), a

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wholly owned subsidiary of FirstEnergy. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into AE (the "Merger"), with AE becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of FirstEnergy. The Merger is intended to qualify as a tax-free reorganization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and be tax-free to AE stockholders. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, upon completion of the Merger, each issued and outstanding share of AE's common stock, including grants of restricted stock, will automatically be converted into the right to receive 0.667 of a share of the common stock of FirstEnergy. This ratio is fixed, and the Merger Agreement does not provide for any adjustment to reflect stock price changes prior to completion of the Merger.

Completion of the Merger is subject to various customary conditions, including, among others, (i) approvals by shareholders of both companies, which were obtained on September 14, 2010; (ii) the SEC's clearance of a registration statement registering the FirstEnergy common stock to be issued in connection with the merger, which registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on July 16, 2010; (iii) expiration or termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Anti-Trust improvements Act of 1976; (iv) receipt of all required regulatory approvals, including approvals by FERC and state public service and utility commissions in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia; (v) the absence of any governmental action challenging or seeking to prohibit the Merger and (vi) the absence of any material adverse effect with respect to either Allegheny or FirstEnergy. The proposed Merger was approved by the Virginia SCC on September 9, 2010. AE and FirstEnergy currently anticipate completing the Merger in the first half of 2011.

#### NOTE 3: RECENTLY ADOPTED AND RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

#### **Consolidations and Variable Interest Entities**

Allegheny adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2009-17 (Consolidations Topic 810), "Improvements to Financial Reporting by Enterprises Involved with Variable Interest Entities," on January 1, 2010. Under this new guidance, consolidation of a variable interest entity ("VIE") is required by an enterprise (the "primary beneficiary"), if any, that is determined qualitatively to have both the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the VIE's economic success and the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits that could potentially be significant to the VIE. Under the prior guidance, the primary beneficiary (consolidator) of a VIE was the party that absorbed a majority of the expected losses or the majority of the expected residual returns of the VIE using a quantitative analysis.

Through December 31, 2009, Allegheny consolidated PATH WV for financial statement purposes, because Allegheny determined that PATH WV was a VIE and that Allegheny was its primary beneficiary under the prior accounting standard. Under the new accounting standard, Allegheny determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of PATH WV, and therefore deconsolidated PATH WV for financial statement purposes, effective January 1, 2010. Allegheny did not retrospectively apply this new guidance by deconsolidating PATH WV in its financial statements for periods prior to January 1, 2010. The deconsolidation of PATH WV did not impact retained earnings or net income attributable to AE. See Note 17, "Variable Interest Entities," for additional information.

#### Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures

Allegheny adopted the FASB's ASU on "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures: Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements" in January 2010. The ASU added new requirements for disclosures about transfers into and out of fair value Levels 1 and 2 and separate disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements relating to Level 3 measurements. The ASU also clarified existing fair value disclosures about the

(In millions)

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level of disaggregation and about inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value. Allegheny's adoption of this ASU did not affect its results of operations or financial position.

#### NOTE 4: SALE OF VIRGINIA DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS

On June 1, 2010, Potomac Edison sold its electric distribution business in Virginia (the "Virginia distribution business") to Rappahannock Electric Cooperative and Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative. Cash proceeds from the sale were approximately \$317 million, resulting in a pre-tax gain of approximately \$45 million.

The Virginia distribution business was included in the Regulated Operations segment. Assets and liabilities relating to the Virginia distribution business were classified as "held for sale" in Allegheny's consolidated balance sheet, and depreciation expense on those assets ceased as of May 1, 2009. The operating results of the Virginia distribution business have not been reported as discontinued operations, because AE Supply will continue to provide the majority of the power to serve the customers of this business through June 30, 2011 under a power sales agreement. Assets held for sale and liabilities associated with assets held for sale at December 31, 2009 were as follows:

December 31

(In millions)	
	2009
Current Assets:	
Accounts receivable	\$ 31.2
Materials and supplies	0.7
Regulatory assets	0.5
Total current assets	32.4
Property, Plant and Equipment:	
Distribution property, plant and equipment	344.9
Accumulated depreciation	(91.2 )
Property, plant and equipment, net	253.7

Total assets held for sale	<u>\$ 286.1</u>
Current Liabilities:	
Customer deposits	\$ 5.5
Regulatory liabilities	3.7
Other	0.9
Total current liabilities	10.1
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities:	
Regulatory liabilities	51.8
Other	1.3
Total deferred credits and other liabilities	53.1

In connection with the sale, Potomac Edison agreed to contribute \$27.5 million between July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014 to reduce the impact of any future rate increases, the present value of which was included in the calculation of the \$45.1 million pre-tax gain. In addition, on June 1, 2010, Potomac Edison entered into an

\$ 63.2

Total liabilities associated with assets held for sale

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agreement to purchase Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative's West Virginia distribution business for approximately \$13 million, subject to certain adjustments.

#### NOTE 5: RATES AND REGULATION

#### Rate Case

On April 2, 2010, Monongahela and Potomac Edison filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia ("West Virginia PSC") a Joint Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the "West Virginia Stipulation") reached with the other parties in a rate case filed by Monongahela and Potomac Edison in August 2009. The West Virginia Stipulation provides for:

a \$40 million annualized base rate increase effective June 29, 2010;

the deferral of February 2010 storm restoration expenses in West Virginia over a maximum five-year period;

an additional \$20 million annualized base rate increase effective January 2011;

a decrease of \$20 million in the Expanded Net Energy Clause ("ENEC") rates effective January 2011, which amount is deferred for later recovery in 2012; and

a moratorium on filing for further increases in base rates before December 1, 2011, except under specified circumstances.

The West Virginia PSC conducted a hearing on the West Virginia Stipulation on April 6, 2010 and approved the stipulation on June 25, 2010.

#### NOTE 6: TRANSMISSION EXPANSION

*TrAIL Project.* TrAIL is a 500 kV high voltage line that, when completed, will extend from southwestern Pennsylvania through West Virginia to a point of interconnection with Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion") in northern Virginia. The majority of the line will be constructed, owned and maintained by TrAIL Company. Dominion will construct and maintain a 30 mile segment of the line in Virginia that will be jointly owned by Dominion and TrAIL Company. TrAIL Company funds its ownership share of construction costs and operating expenses and receives its ownership share of operating revenues.

In addition to the TrAIL line, TrAIL Company owns a static volt-ampere reactive power compensator at the Black Oak substation, implemented upgrades and/or replacements of transformers and/or buses at six other substations and owns a transmission operations center in West Virginia.

**PATH Project.** The PATH project is comprised of a 765 kV transmission line that is proposed to extend from West Virginia through Virginia and into Maryland, modifications to an existing substation in Putnam County, West Virginia and the construction of new substations in Hardy County, West Virginia and Frederick County, Maryland. PJM initially authorized the construction of PATH in June 2007 and, on

June 17, 2010, requested that PATH, LLC proceed with all efforts related to the PATH project, including state regulatory proceedings, assuming a required in-service date of June 1, 2015. Applications requesting authorization to construct the PATH project are currently pending before state commissions in West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia. Allegheny anticipates that decisions by the state commissions on these applications will be issued during the third quarter of 2011.

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Allegheny and a subsidiary of AEP formed PATH, LLC to facilitate the construction of the PATH project. In December 2007, PATH, LLC submitted a filing to FERC under Section 205 of the FPA to implement a cost of service formula rate effective March 1, 2008. In February 2008, FERC issued an order setting the formula rate and its protocols for hearing and authorizing a return on equity of 14.3%, a return on CWIP, recovery of prudently incurred start-up business and administrative costs incurred prior to the time the rates go into effect, and recovery of prudently incurred development and construction costs if the PATH project is abandoned as a result of factors beyond the control of PATH, LLC. In December 2008, PATH, LLC submitted to FERC a settlement with the active parties that resolves all issues set for hearing. FERC action on the settlement and requests for rehearing of the February 29, 2008 order with respect to return on equity are pending.

### NOTE 7: REGULATORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Allegheny's regulated utility operations are subject to industry-specific accounting provisions. Regulatory assets represent probable future revenues associated with incurred costs that are expected to be recovered in the future from customers through the rate-making process. Regulatory liabilities represent probable future reductions in revenues associated with amounts that are to be credited or refunded to customers through the rate-making process or amounts collected for costs not yet incurred. Regulatory assets and regulatory liabilities reflected in the Consolidated Balance Sheets were as follows:

(In millions)	September 30,	December 31,	
	2010	2009	
Regulatory assets, including current portion:			
Income taxes (a)(b)	\$ 230.4	\$ 234.9	
Pension benefits and postretirement benefits other than pensions (a)(c)	380.2	396.5	
Deferred ENEC charges (d)	71.0	109.5	
Transmission revenue requirement (e)	63.9	29.8	
Unamortized loss on reacquired debt (a)(f)	34.1	26.8	
Unrealized loss on financial transmission rights (a)	0	1.7	
Other (g)	66.1	50.8	

Subtotal			
		845.7	850.0

Regulatory liabilities, including current portion:

Net asset removal costs (h)	201.4	274.2
Income taxes	381.4	374.2
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SO <sub>2</sub> allowances	12.4	12.8
Fort Martin Scrubber project–environmental control surcharge	12.1	12.0
Tota Martin Structure project Christonian Connot Surcharge	37.2	40.1
Maryland rate stabilization and transition plan surcharge	2.8	30.1
	2.0	30.1
Unrealized gain on financial transmission rights	9.2	0
Other		
	15.7	12.1
Subtotal		
	486.6	498.6
Net regulatory assets		
	\$ 359.1	\$ 351.4

<sup>(</sup>a) Does not earn a return.

<sup>(</sup>b) Amount is being recovered over various periods associated with the remaining useful life of related regulated utility property, plant and equipment.

<sup>(</sup>c) Amount is being recovered over various periods up to 13 years.

<sup>(</sup>d) Includes approximately \$48 million at September 30, 2010 that does not earn a return with recovery periods through 2012.

<sup>(</sup>e) Amount earns interest at the approved FERC interest rate and will be recovered through 2012.

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- (f) Amount is being recovered over various periods through 2025, based upon the maturities of reacquired debt.
- (g) Includes amounts that do not earn a return with various recovery periods through 2027.
- (h) Net asset removal costs of \$51.0 million are included in liabilities associated with assets held for sale at December 31, 2009 in the consolidated balance sheet.

### **NOTE 8: INCOME TAXES**

Allegheny records income taxes under the liability method of accounting. Deferred income tax balances are generally determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using the statutory income tax rates in effect for years in which the differences are expected to reverse. Investment tax credits are amortized over the estimated useful life of the related property. Tax benefits are recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities based on the technical merits of the position. Such tax positions are measured as the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement with the tax authority, assuming full knowledge of the position and all relevant facts.

Allegheny allocates federal income tax expense (benefit) among its subsidiaries pursuant to its consolidated tax sharing agreement.

The following is a reconciliation of reported income tax expense to income tax expense calculated by applying the federal statutory rate of 35% to income before income taxes:

		Three Mont	ths Ended		Nine Months Ended			
		Septemb	per 30,		September 30,			
	2010	0	2009		2010		2009	<u> </u>
(In millions, except percentages)	Amount	º/ <sub>0</sub>	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Income before income taxes	\$173.4		\$122.7		\$511.3		\$479.4	
Income tax expense calculated at the federal statutory rate of 35%	60.7	35.0%	42.9	35.0%	179.0	35.0%	167.8	35.0%
Increases (reductions) resulting from:								
Rate-making effects of depreciation differences and removal costs	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.6	2.5	0.5	2.1	0.4
Other state income tax, net of federal income tax benefit								
	6.6	3.8	4.1	3.3	17.1	3.3	16.8	3.5

	Amortization of deferred investment tax credits								
		(0.9)	(0.5)	(0.9)	(0.7)	(2.6)	(0.5)	(2.7)	(0.6)
	Change in estimated Pennsylvania net operating loss benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.5	2.0
	Changes in tax reserves related to uncertain tax positions and audit settlements	(9.9 )	(5.7)	(0.9 )	(0.7)	(7.6 )	(1.5)	2.4	0.5
	Other, net	1.0	0.5	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.1)	(0.8)	(0.1)
Inco	ome tax expense	\$58.3	33.6%	\$45.3	37.0%	<u>\$187.8</u>	36.7%	\$195.1	40.7%

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania limits the amount of net operating loss carryforwards that may be used to reduce current year taxable income to the greater of \$3 million or 15% of taxable income per year for 2010 and the greater of \$3 million or 20% of taxable income for years after 2010. During the nine months ended

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September 30, 2009, Allegheny recorded a charge of \$9.5 million, net of applicable federal income tax, to adjust the recorded Pennsylvania net operating loss carryforward asset to reflect estimates of future Pennsylvania taxable income during the carryforward period.

During the three months ended September 30, 2010, Allegheny reduced unrecognized tax benefits by approximately \$9.1 million as a result of a lapse of the applicable statute of limitations.

### NOTE 9: COMMON STOCK AND DEBT

#### **Common Stock**

On September 27, 2010, June 21, 2010 and March 22, 2010, AE paid cash dividends on its common stock of \$0.15 per share to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 13, 2010, June 7, 2010 and March 8, 2010, respectively. On October 7, 2010, AE's Board of Directors authorized a cash dividend on its common stock of \$0.15 per share payable on December 27, 2010 to shareholders of record on December 13, 2010.

#### **Debt**

Outstanding debt and scheduled debt repayments at September 30, 2010 were as follows:

	October 1, 2010 through						
(In millions)	December 31,	2011	2012	2012	2014	Tl 64	T-4-1
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Thereafter	Total
AE Supply:							
Medium-Term Notes							
	\$ 0	\$0	\$503.2	\$0	\$0	\$600.0	\$1,103.2
Pollution Control Bonds	0	0	1.3	0	15.4	251.7	268.4
	U	U	1.3	U	13.4	231.7	200.4
Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	235.0	235.0
Debentures-AGC	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0
Total AE Supply	0	0	504.5	0	15.4	1,186.7	1,706.6
Monongahela:						·	·

Securitized Debt–Environmental Control Bonds (a)							
(a)	0	11.6	12.2	12.8	13.5	322.1	372.2
First Mortgage Bonds	0	0	0	300.0	120.0	220.0	640.0
Pollution Control Bonds	0	0	6.0	7.1	0	57.1	70.2
Total Monongahela	0	11.6	18.2	319.9	133.5	599.2	1,082.4
West Penn:							
First Mortgage Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	420.0	420.0
Medium-Term Notes	0	0	80.0	0	0	0	80.0
Revolving Credit Facility	0	0	0	15.0	0	0	15.0
Total West Penn	0	0	80.0	15.0	0	420.0	515.0
Potomac Edison:							
First Mortgage Bonds	0	0	0	0	175.0	245.0	420.0
Securitized Debt–Environmental Control Bonds (a)	0	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.5	107.5	124.3
Total Potomac Edison	0	3.9	4.1	4.3	179.5	352.5	544.3
TrAIL Company:		2.5				- 5 = -0	3.7.73
Medium-Term Notes	0	0	0	0	0	450.0	450.0
Revolving Loan	0	0	0	290.0	0	0	290.0
Total TrAIL	0	0	0	290.0	0	450.0	740.0

Unamortized debt discounts	(0.4	)	(1.5)	(1.2)	(1.1 )	(0.9)	(2.7)	(7.8 )
Eliminations (b)	0		0	(1.3)	0	0	(13.1 )	(14.4 )
Total consolidated debt	\$ (0.4	)	\$14.0	\$604.3	\$628.1	\$327.5	\$2,992.6	\$4,566.1

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- (a) Amounts represent repayments based upon estimated surcharge collections from customers.
- (b) Amounts represent the elimination of certain pollution control bonds, for which Monongahela and AE Supply are co-obligors.

The environmental control bonds shown in the table above were issued by two bankruptcy remote, special purpose limited liability companies (the "Funding Companies") that are indirect subsidiaries of Monongahela and Potomac Edison, respectively. Proceeds from the bonds were used to construct environmental control facilities. The Funding Companies own the irrevocable right to collect non-bypassable environmental control charges (the "Environmental Control Charge") from all customers who receive electric delivery service in Monongahela's and Potomac Edison's West Virginia service territories. Principal and interest owing on the environmental control bonds is secured by and payable solely from the proceeds of the Environmental Control Charge. The right to collect Environmental Control Charges is not included on Allegheny's consolidated balance sheets. Creditors of AE and its subsidiaries other than the Funding Companies have no recourse to any assets or revenues of the Funding Companies.

Certain of Allegheny's properties are subject to liens of various relative priorities securing debt.

### 2010 Debt Activity

Borrowings and principal repayments on debt during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were as follows:

#### (In millions)

(III IIIIIIIIIII)	Borrowings	Repayments
AE:		
AE Revolving Credit Facility	\$130.1	\$130.1
AE Supply:		
Medium-Term Notes	0	150.5
TrAIL Company:		
Medium-Term Notes	450.0	0
New TrAIL Company Credit Facility-Revolver	290.0	0
TrAIL Company Credit Facility-Term Loan (a)	30.0	465.0

TrAIL Company Credit Facility-Revolver (a)	0	20.0
West Penn:		
Transition Bonds	0	16.0
Revolving Credit Facility	20.0	5.0
Monongahela:	20.0	5.0
Medium-Term Notes	0	110.0
Environmental Control Bonds	0	11.1
Potomac Edison:		
Environmental Control Bonds	0	3.7
Revolving Credit Facility	110.0	110.0
Consolidated Total	\$1,030.1	\$1,021.4

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents debt under TrAIL Company's previous credit facility, which was repaid and replaced in January 2010 by a new revolving credit facility, which is described below.

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On January 15, 2010, Monongahela repaid its \$110 million 7.36% medium-term notes.

On January 25, 2010, TrAIL Company issued \$450 million aggregate principal amount of 4.0% senior unsecured notes due in 2015 and also entered into a \$350 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility with a three-year maturity. The revolving credit facility was increased to \$450 million in August 2010. Borrowings under the new credit facility bear interest at a rate that is calculated based on the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a margin based on TrAIL Company's senior unsecured credit rating. Currently, the margin is 3.0%. TrAIL Company used the net proceeds from the sale of the notes, together with funds from the credit facility, to repay all amounts outstanding under the \$550 million senior unsecured credit facility that it entered into in 2008.

On May 3, 2010, Potomac Edison and West Penn entered into new \$150 million and \$200 million senior unsecured revolving credit facilities, respectively. On May 4, 2010, AE entered into a new \$250 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility. The new AE revolving credit facility replaced AE's previous \$376 million revolving credit facility, which was scheduled to mature in May 2011. The AE, Potomac Edison and West Penn credit facilities mature April 30, 2013. Loans under all three credit facilities bear interest at a rate that is calculated based on LIBOR plus a margin based on the borrower's senior unsecured credit rating. Currently, the margins are 3.0% for AE and 2.75% for Potomac Edison and West Penn. Allegheny capitalized approximately \$5.6 million in debt issuance costs related to the three credit facilities.

On July 16, 2010, AE Supply redeemed all \$150.5 million of its outstanding 7.80% Medium Term Notes due 2011 and expensed approximately \$7.3 million in redemption premiums and unamortized costs associated with the notes.

On October 22, 2010, AGC entered into a \$50 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility and borrowed \$50 million under the credit facility to pay dividends and a return of capital of \$30 million to AE Supply and \$20 million to Monongahela. The credit facility matures on December 31, 2013. Loans under the credit facility bear interest at a rate that is calculated based on LIBOR plus a margin based on AGC's senior unsecured credit rating. Currently, the margin is 2.50%.

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#### **NOTE 10: SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The following tables summarize the results of operations for Allegheny's two reportable segments. The information for the Regulated Operations segment includes the operations of the Virginia distribution business through the date of its sale on June 1, 2010. See Note 4, "Sale of Virginia Distribution Business," for additional information.

Allegheny changed the composition of its reportable segments during the fourth quarter of 2009, consistent with changes made to its management structure and the internal financial reporting used by its chief operating decision maker to regularly assess the performance of the business and allocate resources. Segment information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 has been reclassified to conform to the 2010 presentation included below.

Three Months Ended				Three Months Ended					
		September	30, 2010			September	30, 2009		
(In millions)	Merchant Generation	Regulated Operations	Eliminations (a)	Total	Merchant Generation	Regulated Operations	Eliminations (a)	Total	
Operating revenues:									
External operating revenues	\$ 167.0	\$ 876.7	\$ 0	\$1,043.7	\$ 66.0	\$ 727.7	\$ 0	\$793.7	
Internal operating revenues	317.5	1.3	(318.8	0	292.3	1.5	(293.8 )	0	
Total operating revenues	484.5	878.0	(318.8	1,043.7	358.3	729.2	(293.8 )	793.7	
Operating expenses:									
Fuel	233.1	90.2	0	323.3	151.2	36.8	0	188.0	
Purchased power and transmission	9.0	422.9	(317.5	114.4	9.0	417.5	(292.3 )	134.2	
Deferred energy costs, net	0	17.7	0	17.7	0	(14.3 )	0	(14.3)	
Operations and maintenance	70.2	127.3	(1.3	196.2	50.2	102.5	(1.5 )	151.2	

Depreciation and amortization	32.4	49.2	(0.4	)	81.2	28.5	43.3	(0.5	)	71.3
	32.4	7).2	(0.4	,	01.2	26.3	73.3	(0.5	,	71.5
Taxes other than income taxes	12.2	46.0	0		50.2	12.4	45.0	0		57.4
	12.3	46.0	0	<u>—</u>	58.3	12.4	45.0	0	_	57.4
Total operating expenses										
	357.0	753.3	(319.2	)	791.1	251.3	630.8	(294.3	_)	587.8
Operating income										
	127.5	124.7	0.4		252.6	107.0	98.4	0.5		205.9
Other in come (company) and										
Other income (expense), net	1.6	6.4	(3.6	)	4.4	0.1	4.5	(2.7	)	1.9
Interest expense	40.5	44.1	(1.0	)	83.6	46.5	38.8	(0.2	)	85.1
			(1.0	/			30.0	(0.2	/	
Income before income taxes										
	88.6	87.0	(2.2	)	173.4	60.6	64.1	(2.0	)	122.7
Income tax expense										
	26.3	32.0	0		58.3	20.4	24.9	0		45.3
Net income										
. W myomy	62.3	55.0	(2.2	)	115.1	40.2	39.2	(2.0	)	77.4
N										
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest										
	(2.4)	0	2.4		0	(2.2)	(0.4)	2.2		(0.4)
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Net income attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.										

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents elimination of transactions between reportable segments.

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# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) (unaudited)

		Nine Mont September				Nine Mont September								
(In millions)	Merchant Generation	Regulated Operations	Eliminations (a)	Total	Merchant Generation	Regulated Operations	Eliminations (a)	Total						
Operating revenues:														
External operating revenues	\$ 408.0	\$2,630.3	<b>\$</b> 0	\$3,038.3	\$ 262.1	\$ 2,303.6	\$ 0	\$2,565.7						
Internal operating revenues	997.0	4.0	(1,001.0 )	0	926.0	6.0	(932.0 )	0						
Total operating revenues	1,405.0	2,634.3	(1,001.0 )	3,038.3	1,188.1	2,309.6	(932.0 )	2,565.7						
Operating expenses:														
Fuel	697.7	239.3	0	937.0	490.2	173.6	0	663.8						
Purchased power and transmission	27.8	1,358.9	(997.0 )	389.7	27.2	1,280.9	(927.7 )	380.4						
Deferred energy costs, net	0	28.0	0	28.0	0	(38.9 )	0	(38.9 )						
Gain on sale of Virginia distribution business	Ü	20.0	V	20.0	v	(30.7	Ü	(30.9						
ousiness	0	(45.1)	0	(45.1 )	0	0	0	0						
Operations and maintenance	188.8	388.7	(4.1)	573.4	201.0	322.2	(4.3)	518.9						
Depreciation and amortization	97.0	145.9	(1.2)	241.7	76.2	132.2	(1.4)	207.0						
Taxes other than income taxes	38.4	133.5	0	171.9	33.7	126.0	0	159.7						

	1,049.7	2,249.2								
			(1,002.3	)	2,296.6	828.3	1,996.0	(933.4	)	1,890.9
Operating income										
	355.3	385.1	1.3		741.7	359.8	313.6	1.4		674.8
Other income (expense), net										
	3.0	16.9	(10.2	)	9.7	1.2	13.2	(8.3)	)	6.1
Interest expense										
	112.9	129.9	(2.7	_)	240.1	84.4	117.8	(0.7	_)	201.5
Income before income taxes										
	245.4	272.1	(6.2	)	511.3	276.6	209.0	(6.2	)	479.4
Income tax expense										
	83.3	104.5	0	_	187.8	110.0	85.1	0	_	195.1
Net income	1/0.1	167.6	<i>((</i> 2		222.5	1666	122.0	<i>(</i> (2)	,	204.2
	162.1	167.6	(6.2	)	323.5	166.6	123.9	(6.2	)	284.3
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest										
	(6.9 )	0	6.9		0	(6.8	(0.8)	6.8	_	(0.8)
Net income attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.										
	\$ 155.2	\$ 167.6	\$ 0.7		\$323.5	\$ 159.8	\$ 123.1	\$ 0.6		\$283.5

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents elimination of transactions between reportable segments.

## NOTE 11: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS, DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES

Allegheny's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2010 consisted of the following:

## (In millions)

(In millions)	Assets	Liabilities
Cash equivalents (a)	\$340.8	\$ 0
Derivative instruments (b):		
Current	214.2	(4.0 )
Non-current	22.6	(9.9 )
Total derivative instruments	236.8	(13.9 )

- \$(13.9)
- (a) Cash equivalents represent amounts invested in money market mutual funds and are valued using Level 1 inputs.
- (b) Before netting of cash collateral and financial transmission right ("FTR") obligation.

## ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) (unaudited)

The following table disaggregates the net fair values of derivative assets and liabilities by class, before netting of cash collateral and FTR obligation, based on their level within the fair value hierarchy at September 30, 2010. This table excludes derivatives that have been designated as normal purchases or normal sales.

	Fair	Fair Value at September 30, 2010 Using							
(In millions)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total					
Derivative assets:									
Power contracts	\$0	\$64.3	\$0	\$64.3					
Gas contracts	5.7	0	0	5.7					
FTRs	0	0	166.8	166.8					
Total derivative assets	5.7	64.3	166.8	236.8					
Derivative liabilities:									
Power contracts	(7.9)	(3.9)	0	(11.8)					
Interest rate swaps	0	(2.1)	0	(2.1 )					
Total derivative liabilities	(7.9)	(6.0)	0	(13.9)					
Net derivative assets (liabilities)	\$(2.2)	\$58.3	<u>\$166.8</u>	<u>\$222.9</u>					

The following table shows the expected settlement year for derivative assets and liabilities outstanding before netting of cash collateral and FTR obligation at September 30, 2010. This table excludes derivatives that have been designated as normal purchases or normal sales:

(In millions)					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Level 1	\$5.7	\$0.8	\$(8.7)	\$ 0	\$(2.2)
Level 2	3.2	53.0	2.1	0	58.3
Level 3	63.2	103.6	0	0	166.8
Net derivative assets (liabilities)	\$72.1	\$157.4	<u>\$(6.6)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$222.9</u>

The following table disaggregates the net fair values of derivative assets and liabilities, before netting of cash collateral and FTR obligation, based on their level within the fair value hierarchy at December 31, 2009. This table excludes derivatives that have been designated as normal purchases or normal sales.

		December 31, 2009							
(In millions)	Derivative Assets	Derivative Liabilities	Net Derivative Assets						
Level 1	\$31.9	\$ (4.7 )	\$ 27.2						
Level 2	0.2	(29.5 )	(29.3)						
Level 3	96.2	0	96.2						
Total	\$ 128.3	\$ (34.2)	\$ 94.1						

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Derivative assets and liabilities included in Level 1 primarily consist of exchange-traded futures and other exchange-traded transactions that are valued using closing prices for identical instruments in active markets. Derivative assets and liabilities included in Level 2 primarily consist of non-exchange traded power contracts and interest rate swaps. Derivatives included in Level 2 are valued using a pricing model with inputs that are observable in the market, such as quoted forward prices of commodities, or that can be derived from or corroborated by observable market data. Derivative assets included in Level 3 consist of FTRs and are valued using an internal model based on data from PJM annual and monthly FTR auctions.

The following tables provide a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balance of FTR derivative assets measured at fair value (Level 3):

		Anths Ended ember 30,		
(In millions)	2010	2009		
Balance at July 1	\$241.7	\$250.5		
Total realized and unrealized gains (losses):				
Included in earnings, in operating revenues	25.1	(69.5)		
Included in regulatory assets or liabilities	13.1	(36.0)		
Purchases, issuances and settlements	(113.1)	(20.1)		
Transfers in / out of Level 3	0	0		
Balance at September 30	\$166.8	\$124.9		
Amount of total gains (losses) included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains (losses) related to Level 3 assets held at September 30				
to Level 3 assets neith at September 30	\$4.1	<u>\$(33.7</u> )		
	En	ine Months Ended ptember 30,		

millions	

	2010	2009
Balance at January 1	\$96.2	\$189.8
Total realized and unrealized gains (losses):		
Included in earnings, in operating revenues	48.9	(171.7)
Included in regulatory assets or liabilities	25.6	(86.7)
Purchases, issuances and settlements	(3.9 )	193.5
Transfers in / out of Level 3	0	0
Balance at September 30	\$166.8	\$124.9
Amount of total gains (losses) included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains (losses) related to Level 3 assets held at September 30	<u>\$17.2</u>	<u>\$(15.5</u> )

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2, and no transfers into or out of Level 3, of the fair value hierarchy for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. To the extent that it has transfers between these levels, Allegheny accounts for the transfers at the end of the reporting period.

## ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) (unaudited)

The volume and expiration of Allegheny's derivative contracts at September 30, 2010 that did not qualify for the normal purchase or normal sale exemption were as follows:

(In millions)	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Electricity contracts (MWhs):					
Sales of power	0.8	10.4	2.4	0	13.6
Purchases of power	0.1	1.6	0.6	0	2.3
FTRs (MWhs)	16.3	26.7	0	0	43.0
Gas contracts-Kern River (decatherms):					
Sales of gas	5.5	0	0	0	5.5
Purchases of gas	5.8	0	0	0	5.8
Interest rate swaps (notional dollars):					
Interest rate swap agreements (fixed rate to floating rate)	\$0	\$200	<b>\$</b> 0	\$ 0	\$200
Interest rate swap agreements (floating rate to fixed rate)	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$ 0	\$200

Allegheny enters into derivative contracts for the sale or purchase of power to hedge the variable price risks related to forecasted sales or purchases of power. To the extent that such contracts qualify and are designated as cash flow hedging instruments, the effective portion of unrealized gain or loss on the derivative contract is reported as a component of other comprehensive income ("OCI") and is subsequently reclassified into earnings in the period during which the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. Allegheny had 6.3 million MWhs of derivative electricity contracts that qualify and were designated as cash flow hedging instruments at September 30, 2010. Changes in the fair value of derivative electricity contracts that are not qualifying cash flow hedge instruments are reported in revenues on a mark-to-market basis. Allegheny had 9.6 million MWhs of derivative electricity contracts that were not designated as cash flow hedge instruments at September 30, 2010, including approximately 4.2 million MWhs that were de-designated on July 16, 2010.

Allegheny entered into derivative contracts for the forward purchase and sale of gas to hedge a portion of the value of a capacity contract related to the Kern River pipeline that did not qualify for cash flow hedge accounting. Interest rate swaps at September 30, 2010 include two interest rate swap agreements with an aggregate notional value of \$200 million that were entered into during 2003 to substantially offset two existing interest rate swaps with the same counterparty. The 2003 agreements effectively locked in a net liability and substantially eliminated future income volatility from the interest rate swap positions but do not qualify for cash flow hedge accounting.

Allegheny also holds FTRs that generally represent an economic hedge of future congestion charges that will be incurred in connection with Allegheny's load obligations. These future obligations are not reflected on Allegheny's Consolidated Balance Sheets, and the FTRs have not been designated as cash flow hedge instruments. As a result, the timing of recognition of gains or losses on FTRs will differ from the timing of power purchases, including incurred congestion charges. Allegheny acquires its FTRs in an annual auction through a self-scheduling process involving the use of auction revenue rights ("ARRs") allocated to members of PJM that have load serving obligations. Allegheny initially records FTRs and a FTR obligation payable to PJM at the annual FTR auction price, and subsequently adjusts the carrying value of remaining FTRs to their estimated fair value at the end of each accounting period prior to settlement. Changes in the fair value of FTRs held by Allegheny's unregulated subsidiaries are included in operating revenues as unrealized gains or losses. Unrealized gains or losses on FTRs held by Allegheny's regulated subsidiaries are recorded as regulatory assets or liabilities.

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) (unaudited)

Derivative contracts that have been designated as normal purchases or normal sales are not subject to mark-to-market accounting treatment, and their effects are included in earnings at the time of contract performance.

The recorded fair values of derivatives at September 30, 2010 were as follows:

		Power entracts	Gas	•					DVD		n.,
(In millions)	Sales	Purchases	Contracts -Kern River	Interest Rate Swaps	FTRs	Gross Derivatives	Netting	Net Derivatives	FTR Obligation (a)	Collateral	Balance Sheet Derivatives
Derivatives designated as hed	lging ins	truments:									
Derivative assets:											
Current	\$26.9	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 26.9	\$(26.9)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Long-term	11.2	0	0	0	0	11.2	(11.2)	0	0	0	0
Total derivative assets	38.1	0	0	0	0	38.1	(38.1)	0	0	0	0
Derivative liabilities:											
Current	(0.1)	0	0	0	0	(0.1 )	0.1	0	0	0	0
Long-term	(0.1)	0	0	0	0	(0.1 )	0.1	0	0	0	0
Total derivative											
	(0.2)	0	0	0	0	(0.2)	0.2	0	0	0	0
Total designated	37.9	0	0	0	0	37.9	(37.9)	0	0	0	0
Derivatives not designated as	hedging	instruments	:								

### Derivative assets:

Current	18.3	0		8.8		0	166.8	193.9		20.3	214.2		(166.8 )	(2.4	)	45.0	
Long-term	12.9	0		0		0	0	12.9		9.7	22.6	_	0	0		22.6	
Total derivative assets	31.2	0		8.8		0	166.8	206.8		30.0	236.8		(166.8 )	(2.4	)	67.6	
Derivative liabilities:																	
Current	(0.2)	(5.1	)	(3.0	)	(2.1 )	0	(10.4	)	6.4	(4.0	)	0	0		(4.0	)
Long-term	(0.9)	(10.5	_)	0		0	0	(11.4	)	1.5	(9.9	_)	0	5.1		(4.8	)
Total derivative																	
Total not	(1.1)	(15.6	)	(3.0	_)	(2.1 )	0	(21.8	)	7.9	(13.9	_)	0	5.1		(8.8	)
designated	30.1	(15.6	_)	5.8		(2.1 )	166.8	185.0	_	37.9	222.9	_	(166.8 )	2.7		58.8	_
Total derivatives	\$68.0	\$ (15.6	)	\$ 5.8		\$ (2.1 )	\$166.8	\$ 222.9		\$0	\$ 222.9		\$ (166.8 )	\$ 2.7		\$ 58.8	

<sup>(</sup>a) The FTR obligation at September 30, 2010 was \$176.8 million and is payable to PJM in approximately equal weekly amounts through the PJM planning year ending May 31, 2011. Of this obligation, \$166.8 million has been netted against the FTR derivative asset balance and the remaining \$10.0 million is included in non-derivative current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet.

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) (unaudited)

The recorded fair values of derivatives at December 31, 2009 were as follows:

(In millions)	Power (	Contracts  Purchases	Gas Contracts -Kern River	Interest Rate Swaps	FTRs	Gross Derivatives	Netting	Net Derivatives	FTR Obligation (a)	Collateral	Balance Sheet Derivatives
Derivatives designate	d as hed	ging instr	uments:								
Derivative assets:											
Current	\$0.3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0.3	\$(0.3)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 0
Long-term	0.6	0	0	0	0	0.6	(0.6)	0	0	0	0
Total derivative assets	0.9	0	0	0	0	0.9	(0.9)	0	0	0	0
Derivative liabilities:											
Current	(12.1)	(4.8	) 0	0	0	(16.9 )	(1.4)	(18.3)	0	0.1	(18.2 )
Long-term	(1.5)	(5.9	) 0	0	0	(7.4 )	(0.3)	(7.7 )	0	3.0	(4.7 )
Total derivative liabilities	(13.6)	(10.7	) 0	0	0	(24.3 )	(1.7)	(26.0 )	0	3.1	(22.9 )
Total designated		(10.7		0	0		(2.6)	(26.0 )		3.1	(22.9 )
Derivatives not design											

### Derivative assets:

Current	0.9	0	44.4	0	96.2	141.5	(13.2)	128.3	(96.2)	(27.5 )	4.6	
Long-term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total derivative assets	0.9	0	44.4	0	96.2	141.5	(13.2)	128.3	(96.2 )	(27.5 )	4.6	
Derivative liabilities:												
Current	(0.9)	(1.7	) (12.4 )	(6.1)	0	(21.1	) 14.9	(6.2)	0	0	(6.2	)
Long-term	0	(0.9	) 0	(2.0)	0	(2.9	) 0.9	(2.0 )	0	0	(2.0	)
Total derivative liabilities	(0.9)	(2.6	) (12.4 )	(8.1)	0	(24.0	) 15.8	(8.2)	0	0	(8.2	)
Total not designated	1 0	(2.6	) 32.0	(8.1)	96.2	117.5	2.6	120.1	(96.2)	(27.5 )	(3.6	)
Total derivatives	\$(12.7)	\$(13.3	) \$32.0	\$(8.1)	\$96.2	\$ 94.1	\$0	\$ 94.1	\$ (96.2)	\$(24.4)	\$ (26.5	)

<sup>(</sup>a) The FTR obligation at December 31, 2009 was \$127.9 million and was payable to PJM in approximately equal weekly amounts through the PJM planning year ending May 31, 2010. Of this obligation, \$96.2 million has been netted against the FTR derivative asset balance and the remaining \$31.7 million is included in non-derivative current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet.

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) (unaudited)

The following table provides details on the changes in accumulated OCI relating to derivative assets and liabilities that qualified for cash flow hedge accounting:

	Three Months Ende September 30,		
(In millions)	2010	2009	
Accumulated OCI derivative gain at July 1 (before tax effect of \$4.9 million and \$22.6 million, respectively)	\$12.6	\$58.7	
Effective portion of changes in fair value (before tax effect of \$12.2 million and \$(6.2) million, respectively)	31.4	(15.8)	
Reclassifications of (gains) losses from accumulated OCI to earnings (before tax effect of \$1.9 million and \$(15.2) million, respectively)			
	5.1	(39.3)	
Accumulated OCI derivative gain at September 30 (before tax effect of \$19.0 million and \$1.4 million, respectively)			
•	\$49.1	\$3.6	
	Nine Mon Septem		
(In millions)			
Accumulated OCI derivative gain (loss) at January 1 (before tax effect of \$(10.8) million and \$17.8 million,	Septem	ber 30,	
	Septem	ber 30,	
Accumulated OCI derivative gain (loss) at January 1 (before tax effect of \$(10.8) million and \$17.8 million,		2009	
Accumulated OCI derivative gain (loss) at January 1 (before tax effect of \$(10.8) million and \$17.8 million, respectively)  Effective portion of changes in fair value (before tax effect of \$26.4 million and \$10.6 million, respectively)  Reclassifications of (gains) losses from accumulated OCI to earnings (before tax effect of \$3.4 million and	2010 \$(27.6)	2009 \$45.8	
Accumulated OCI derivative gain (loss) at January 1 (before tax effect of \$(10.8) million and \$17.8 million, respectively)  Effective portion of changes in fair value (before tax effect of \$26.4 million and \$10.6 million, respectively)	2010 \$(27.6)	2009 \$45.8	
Accumulated OCI derivative gain (loss) at January 1 (before tax effect of \$(10.8) million and \$17.8 million, respectively)  Effective portion of changes in fair value (before tax effect of \$26.4 million and \$10.6 million, respectively)  Reclassifications of (gains) losses from accumulated OCI to earnings (before tax effect of \$3.4 million and	2010 \$(27.6) 68.2	2009 \$45.8 27.6	

Derivative gains included in accumulated OCI in the amount of \$32.9 million, before tax, are expected to be reclassified to earnings over the next twelve months.

The following table shows the location and amounts of gains (losses) relating to derivative assets and liabilities that qualified for cash flow hedge accounting:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Gain (loss) recognized in OCI (effective portion)	\$31.4	<b>\$</b> (15.8 )	\$68.2	\$27.6
Gains (losses) reclassified from accumulated OCI into operating revenues (effective portion)	\$(5.1 )	\$ 39.3	\$(8.5 )	\$69.8
Gain (loss) recognized in operating revenues (ineffective portion)	\$ 1.4	\$(1.2 )	\$(10.8 <sub>)</sub>	\$(2.9)

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) (unaudited)

Unrealized gains (losses) on derivative instruments not designated or qualifying as cash flow hedge instruments were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Recorded in operating revenues:				
Interest rate swaps	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$6.1	\$6.0
Mark-to-market power contracts	13.8	(4.4 )	12.6	(11.6)
Gas contracts-Kern River	(10.3)	(6.8 )	(26.2)	11.1
FTRs	5.6	(6.2)	20.7	21.3
Recorded in fuel expense:				
Coal purchase contracts-PRB	0	(3.9 )	0	(7.8 )
Recorded in regulatory liabilities (assets):		Ì		· · · ·
FTRs	3.0	(3.3 )	10.9	9.7
Coal purchase contracts-PRB	0	(3.6 )	0	(7.5 )
Total	\$15.1	\$(25.2)	\$24.1	\$21.2

## **Credit Related Contingent Features**

Certain of AE Supply's derivative contracts contain collateral posting requirements tied to its credit ratings that would require posting of additional collateral in the event of a credit rating downgrade. The aggregate fair value of these derivative contracts that were in a liability

position, disregarding any contractual netting arrangements, at September 30, 2010 was \$7.6 million, for which AE Supply posted no collateral. A one level downgrade in AE Supply's senior unsecured credit rating at September 30, 2010 would have required the posting of a total of \$6.7 million of collateral for such derivative contracts in a liability position. A downgrade in AE Supply's senior unsecured credit rating at September 30, 2010 to below Standard & Poor's BB- or Moody's Ba3 would have required the posting of a total of \$11.3 million of collateral for such derivative contracts in a liability position.

### **Credit Exposure**

Allegheny has credit exposure to energy trading counterparties, in most cases for the fair value of multi-year contracts for energy sales and purchases. If its counterparties fail to perform their obligations under these contracts, Allegheny would experience lower revenues or higher costs to the extent that replacement sales or purchases could not be made at the same prices as those under the defaulted contracts.

Allegheny's wholesale credit risk is the replacement cost for outstanding contracts and amounts owed to or due from counterparties for completed transactions. The replacement cost of open positions represents unrealized gains, net of any unrealized losses in circumstances in which Allegheny has a legally enforceable right of setoff. Allegheny and its subsidiaries have credit policies to manage credit risk, including the use of an established credit approval process, daily monitoring of counterparty positions and the use of master netting agreements. These agreements include credit mitigation provisions, such as margin, prepayment or other form of collateral acceptable to the counterparty. Allegheny may request additional credit assurance in the event that a counterparty's credit ratings fall below investment grade or its exposures exceed an established credit limit.

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#### NOTE 12: STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

No stock-based compensation cost was capitalized during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009. The following table summarizes stock-based compensation expense included in operations and maintenance expenses:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Performance shares	\$ 4.4	\$ 1.4	\$ 10.1	\$ 5.5
Stock options				
Non amplayed director stock awards	3.8	1.7	6.5	5.6
Non-employee director stock awards	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.7
Restricted shares	0.2	0	0.3	0
Stock units	0	0	0	0.1
Total stock-based compensation expense	8.6	3.4	17.5	11.9
Income tax benefit	3.5	1.4	7.1	4.8
Total stock-based compensation expense, net of tax	\$ 5.1	\$ 2.0	\$ 10.4	\$ 7.1

Employee stock options, performance shares and restricted share awards granted prior to February 10, 2010 became fully vested and exercisable upon the approval of the proposed Merger with FirstEnergy by AE's stockholders at a special meeting held on September 14, 2010. The remaining cost of approximately \$4.5 million associated with these awards that previously was being amortized over the original vesting period was accelerated and expensed during the third quarter of 2010.

### **Stock Options**

Allegheny records compensation expense for employee stock options based on the estimated fair value of the options on the date of grant under the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. No stock options were granted during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010.

Stock option activity during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 was as follows:

	Stock Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions)
Outstanding at June 30, 2010	2,806,937	\$27.80	
Exercised (a)	(12,148 )	\$20.07	
Forfeited/expired	(5,667)	\$35.15	
Outstanding and exercisable at September 30, 2010	2,789,122	\$27.82	\$ 9.4 (b)
	Stock Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions)
Outstanding at December 31, 2009	Options	Average Exercise Price	Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2009  Exercised (a)	Options 2,852,942	Average Exercise Price  \$27.62	Intrinsic Value
	Options	Average Exercise Price	Intrinsic Value

<sup>(</sup>a) Proceeds to AE from stock option exercises were \$0.2 million and \$0.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010. AE issued new shares of its common stock to satisfy these stock option exercises.

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(b) Represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value based on the difference between the exercise price of stock options that have an exercise price lower than AE's closing stock price of \$24.52 on September 30, 2010.

As of September 30, 2010, Allegheny had no unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options.

At September 30, 2010, Allegheny had approximately \$63.0 million in excess tax benefits related to share based awards that had not yet been credited to other paid-in capital because of Allegheny's federal income tax net operating loss carryforward position. During the first quarter of 2009, Allegheny recorded a credit to other paid-in capital in the amount of approximately \$19.7 million representing estimated share-based excess income tax benefits to be realized during 2009. This credit to other paid-in capital was reversed during the third quarter of 2009 as a result of a change in estimated taxable income.

#### **Performance Shares**

During 2008 and 2009, AE granted equity-based performance shares to key employees pursuant to which award recipients could earn shares of AE common stock based on AE's Total Shareholder Return ("TSR") compared to the total return of the companies in the Dow Jones U.S. Electric Utilities Index over a three-year performance period beginning on the date of each grant. Upon stockholder approval of the proposed Merger with FirstEnergy, AE settled all 241,989 outstanding TSR performance shares through the issuance of 155,027 shares of its common stock, representing 100% of each participant's target award less shares withheld to meet minimum income tax withholding requirements.

Additionally, in 2008, 2009 and 2010, AE granted equity-based performance shares to key employees pursuant to which award recipients may earn shares of AE common stock based on AE's performance over a three-year period compared to its Annual Incentive Plan ("AIP") targets established at the beginning of each year. Upon stockholder approval of the proposed Merger with FirstEnergy, AE settled all 242,266 outstanding AIP performance shares awarded in 2008 and 2009 through the issuance of 154,771 shares of its common stock, representing 100% of each participant's target award less shares withheld to meet minimum income tax withholding requirements. As of September 30, 2010, there was approximately \$7.6 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to 2010 AIP performance share awards, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 1.2 years.

Activity in target performance shares linked to the AIP for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 was as follows:

	Number of
	Shares
AIP performance shares outstanding at June 30, 2010	1,002,839
AIP performance shares settled	(242,266)
Forfeited	(2,661 )
AIP performance shares outstanding at September 30, 2010	757,912

	Number of
	Shares
AIP performance shares outstanding at December 31, 2009	
	244,010
Granted	
	764,049
AIP performance shares settled	(242,266)
Forfeited	
Policited	(7,881 )
AIP performance shares outstanding at September 30, 2010	757,912

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## **Non-Employee Director Stock Awards**

Non-employee director stock awards activity for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 was as follows:

	Number of Shares
Shares earned but not issued at June 30, 2010	99,876
Granted	
Issued	9,000
Issued	(3,000 )
Dividends on earned but not issued shares	615
Shares earned but not issued at September 30, 2010	107.401
	106,491
	Number of Shares
Shares earned but not issued at December 31, 2009	86,689
Granted	, and the second
	27,000
Issued	(9,000 )
Dividends on earned but not issued shares	
	1,802
Shares earned but not issued at September 30, 2010	106,491

### **Restricted Shares**

All 11,900 outstanding shares of restricted stock vested upon stockholder approval of the proposed Merger, of which 3,642 shares were purchased as treasury stock to meet minimum income tax withholding requirements.

### NOTE 13: PENSION BENEFITS AND POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

Substantially all of Allegheny's personnel, including officers, are employed by AESC and are covered by a noncontributory, defined benefit pension plan. Allegheny also maintains a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the "SERP") for certain senior executives.

Allegheny also provides subsidies for medical and life insurance plans for eligible retirees and dependents. Medical benefits, which make up the largest component of the postretirement benefits other than pensions, have retiree premiums based upon an age and years-of-service vesting schedule, include other plan provisions that limit future benefits and take into account certain collective bargaining arrangements. Subsidized medical coverage is not provided in retirement to employees hired on or after January 1, 1993, with the exception of certain union employees who were hired or became members before May 1, 2006. The provisions of the postretirement health care plans and certain collective bargaining arrangements limit Allegheny's costs for eligible retirees and dependents.

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The components of the net periodic cost for pension benefits for employees and covered dependents by Allegheny were as follows:

	Pension Benefits				
	Three Mon Septem	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009	
Components of net periodic cost:					
Service cost	\$6.6	\$5.6	\$19.7	\$16.8	
Interest cost	17.9	17.7	53.7	53.2	
Expected return on plan assets	(18.5)	(18.5)	(55.4)	(55.7)	
Amortization of unrecognized transition obligation	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	
Amortization of prior service cost	0.8	0.8	2.4	2.4	
Recognized actuarial loss	4.6	2.8	13.7	8.4	
Net periodic cost	\$11.5	\$8.5	\$34.4	\$25.4	

The components of the net periodic cost for postretirement benefits other than pensions (principally health care and life insurance) for employees and covered dependents by Allegheny were as follows:

	Postretirement Benefits Other than Pensions			
	Three Months Ender	d Nir	ne Months Ended September 30,	
2010	10 20	2010	2009	

Components of net periodic cost:				
Service cost	\$ 1.1	\$ 1.1	\$ 3.2	\$ 3.3
Interest cost	3.9	4.3	11.7	12.9
Expected return on plan assets	(1.5 )	(1.3 )	(4.5 )	(4.0 )
Amortization of unrecognized transition obligation	1.4	1.4	4.3	4.3
Recognized actuarial loss	0	0.5	0	1.4
Net periodic cost	\$ 4.9	\$ 6.0	\$ 14.7	\$ 17.9

For the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, Allegheny capitalized \$4.8 million and \$4.6 million, respectively, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, Allegheny capitalized \$14.6 million and \$13.3 million, respectively, of the above net periodic cost amounts to CWIP, a component of "Property, plant and equipment, net."

During the first quarter of 2010, Allegheny determined that its benefit obligation of \$264.2 million at December 31, 2009 for postretirement benefits other than pensions was understated by approximately \$14.9 million. As a result, Allegheny increased its recorded benefit obligation during the first quarter of 2010, and recorded additional expense of approximately \$10.4 million and a charge to CWIP in the amount of approximately \$4.5 million.

In March 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act were signed into law. This legislation effectively changes the tax treatment of federal subsidies paid to sponsors of retiree health benefit plans that provide prescription drug benefits that are at least

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actuarially equivalent to prescription drug benefits provided under Medicare Part D. Beginning in 2013, an employer's income tax deduction for the cost of providing Medicare Part D equivalent prescription drug benefits will be reduced by the amount of the federal subsidy. The impact of this change in tax treatment of the federal subsidy did not have a significant impact on Allegheny's deferred income tax assets or income tax expense, because Allegheny expects that the majority of the prescription drug benefits provided under its health benefit plans will not be actuarially equivalent to Medicare Part D benefits for periods after 2011.

#### **Contributions**

Allegheny makes cash contributions to its qualified pension plan to meet the minimum funding requirements of employee benefit and tax laws and may make additional discretionary contributions to increase the funded level of the plan. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, Allegheny contributed \$65.0 million to its qualified pension plan and \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, to its SERP. Allegheny made approximately \$0.7 million and \$4.3 million in contributions to its postretirement benefit plans other than pension plans during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively.

In October 2010, Allegheny contributed an additional \$12 million to its qualified pension plan and does not expect to make any additional contributions to this plan during the remainder of 2010. Allegheny expects to contribute approximately \$0.8 million to fund postretirement benefits other than pensions during the fourth quarter of 2010.

Allegheny made matching contributions in cash to its Employee Stock Ownership and Savings Plan in the amount of \$2.2 million and \$2.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$6.9 million and \$6.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. These contributions, less amounts capitalized in CWIP, were expensed. The capitalized portions of these costs were \$0.7 million for each of the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$2.0 million and \$2.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

#### **NOTE 14: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, the carrying amounts of accounts receivable and accounts payable are representative of fair value because of their short-term nature. The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of long-term debt, including long-term debt due within one year, net of unamortized debt discounts of \$7.8 million and \$7.4 million at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively were as follows:

	Septembe	r 30, 2010	Decembe	r 31, 2009
(In millions)	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Long-term debt	\$4,566.1	\$4,829.3	\$4,557.8	\$4,729.1

The fair value of long-term debt was estimated based on actual market prices or market prices of similar debt issues.

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### NOTE 15: COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

Comprehensive income consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net income	\$115.1	\$77.4	\$323.5	\$284.3
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:	ψ11 <i>3</i> .1	Ψ / / . τ	ψ323.3	Ψ204.3
Cash flow hedges, net of tax of \$14.1, \$(21.4), \$29.8 and \$(16.5), respectively	22.4	(33.7)	46.9	(25.7)
Defined benefit pension and other benefit plan amortization, net of tax of \$5.7, \$0.6, \$6.6 and \$1.7 respectively	8.8	0.8	9.9	2.5
Comprehensive income	146.3	44.5	380.3	261.1
Less comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	0	_(0.4)	0	(0.8_)
Comprehensive income attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.	<u>\$146.3</u>	\$44.1	\$380.3	\$260.3

The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss, included in the shareholders' equity section of the Consolidated Balance Sheets, were as follows:

(In millions)	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Cash flow hedges, net of tax of \$19.0 million and \$(10.8) million, respectively	\$ 30.1	\$ (16.8 )

Net unrecognized pension and other benefit plan costs, net of tax of \$(43.1) million and \$(49.7) million, respectively

	(63.2	(73.1)
Total		
	<u>\$ (33.1</u> )	\$ (89.9

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### **NOTE 16: EARNINGS PER SHARE**

The reconciliation of the basic and diluted earnings per common share calculation is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		
(In millions, except share and per share amounts)	2010	2009	2010	2009	
Basic Income per Share:				2007	
Numerator:					
Net income attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.	<u>\$115.1</u>	\$77.0	\$323.5	\$283.5	
Denominator:					
Weighted average common shares outstanding	169,774,391	169,565,262	169,705,121	169,503,916	
Basic earnings per share attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.	\$0.68	\$0.45	\$1.91	\$1.67	
Diluted Income per Share:					
Numerator:					
Net income attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.	<u>\$115.1</u>	<u>\$77.0</u>	<u>\$323.5</u>	\$283.5	

Denominator:

Weighted average common shares outstanding	169,774,391	169,565,262	169,705,121	169,503,916
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Stock options (a)	307,320	412,767	301,967	399,548
Performance shares	197,697	17,261	132,740	18,005
Stock units	0	2,262	0	3,595
Total shares	170,279,408	169,997,552	170,139,828	169,925,064
Diluted earnings per share attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.	\$0.68	\$0.45	\$1.90	\$1.67

<sup>(</sup>a) The dilutive share calculations exclude 1,958,706 shares and 2,007,513 shares for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and 1,968,966 shares and 1,750,389 shares for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, relating to stock options because the inclusion of these amounts would have been antidilutive under the treasury stock method.

#### NOTE 17: VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

GAAP requires the primary beneficiary of a Variable Interest Entity ("VIE") to consolidate the entity and also requires majority and significant variable interest investors to provide certain disclosures. A VIE is an entity in which the equity investors do not have a controlling financial interest or in which the equity investment at risk is insufficient to finance the entity's activities without receiving subordinated financial support from the other parties.

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Independent Power Producer ("IPP") contracts. Potomac Edison and West Penn each have a long-term electricity purchase contract with unrelated IPPs. Allegheny periodically requests from these IPPs the information necessary to determine whether these entities are VIEs and whether Allegheny is the primary beneficiary. Allegheny has been unable to obtain the requested information, which was determined by the IPPs to be proprietary.

Potomac Edison purchased power from an IPP in the amount of \$29.1 million and \$19.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$89.2 million and \$65.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. West Penn purchased power from an IPP in the amount of \$11.5 million and \$11.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively and \$29.9 million and \$35.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Neither Potomac Edison nor West Penn is subject to any risk of loss associated with the applicable potential VIE, because neither has any obligation to the applicable IPP other than to purchase the power that the IPP produces according to the terms of the applicable electricity purchase contract.

APS Constellation, LLC ("APS Constellation"). Allegheny Ventures, Inc., a non-utility subsidiary of AE, formed a partnership in 1995 with an unregulated business of Constellation Energy in a joint venture energy services company named APS Constellation. The business purpose of APS Constellation is the marketing, development, and implementation of energy conservation projects. APS Constellation, working under an Engineer/Procure/Construct agreement as a subcontractor for Potomac Edison, completed multiple energy conservation projects for Potomac Edison's government customers at Ft. Detrick, Maryland. The projects resulted in performance payments and other fees remitted to APS Constellation. APS Constellation securitized the future revenue streams from the projects through several financings and made a partnership distribution of the proceeds. Some of the project financings required Potomac Edison to provide ongoing guarantees. In 2005, the joint venture operating agreement was amended to limit Allegheny's obligations and participation in APS Constellation. The accounts of APS Constellation are not included in Allegheny's Consolidated Financial Statements because Allegheny does not have the power to direct activities that most significantly impact APS Constellation's economic performance.

At September 30, 2010, Allegheny's maximum exposure to loss related to APS Constellation consisted of a \$0.7 million equity investment in APS Constellation, a letter of credit guarantee of \$3.1 million and recourse guarantees of \$6.0 million. These guarantees are not recorded on Allegheny's Consolidated Balance Sheet.

PATH WV. As described in Note 1, "Business and Basis of Presentation," PATH WV is owned equally by Allegheny and AEP. As described in Note 3, "Recently Adopted and Recently Issued Accounting Standards," Allegheny deconsolidated PATH WV from its financial statements effective January 1, 2010, and accounts for its investment in PATH WV under the equity method. Allegheny and AEP provide certain services to PATH WV and make capital contributions to PATH WV as needed. At September 30, 2010, Allegheny's consolidated balance sheet included Allegheny's investment in PATH WV on the equity method of accounting in the amount of \$21.7 million. At December 31, 2009, Allegheny's consolidated balance sheet included property, plant and equipment of PATH WV in the amount of approximately \$35.8 million, cash and cash equivalents of \$3.4 million and noncontrolling interest related to AEP's ownership of approximately \$14.9 million. Allegheny's consolidated statement of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 included other income of \$1.0 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, representing Allegheny's 50% equity in the pre-tax earnings of PATH WV. Allegheny's consolidated statement of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 included revenues of \$3.2 million and \$7.7 million, respectively, pretax income of \$1.3 million and \$2.8 million, respectively and net income attributable to noncontrolling interest of \$0.4 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

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Allegheny expects to make capital contributions to PATH WV to support its construction projects. Because of the nature of PATH WV's operations and its FERC-approved rate mechanism, Allegheny's maximum exposure to loss consists of its advances to, and investment in, PATH WV, which were \$0.7 million and \$21.7 million, respectively, at September 30, 2010.

Energy Insurance Services, Inc. Allegheny has entered into an insurance arrangement with Energy Insurance Services, Inc. ("EIS"). EIS has multiple protected cells and writes policies for Allegheny in one segregated cell, referred to as Mutual Business Program No. 2 (the "Program"). Neither Allegheny nor its subsidiaries have an equity investment in EIS. The Program is governed by a Participation Agreement that limits claims paid on policies that are not reinsured to premium payments made by Allegheny, contributions to surplus and any investment returns on those premiums less expenses. The accounts of EIS are included in Allegheny's Consolidated Financial Statements because Allegheny is the sole beneficiary of the Program. Insurance premiums for the Program were \$7.0 million and \$7.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and were \$8.7 million and \$9.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. At September 30, 2010, total assets were \$18.9 million, consisting primarily of investments, and total liabilities were \$14.9 million, consisting primarily of claim reserves. At September 30, 2010, Allegheny's maximum exposure to loss related to EIS consisted of a \$4.0 million equity investment in EIS recorded on its Consolidated Balance Sheet.

#### NOTE 18: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### **Legal Proceedings**

Allegheny is involved in a number of significant legal proceedings. In certain cases, plaintiffs seek to recover large and sometimes unspecified damages, and some matters may be unresolved for several years. Allegheny cannot currently determine the outcome of the proceedings described below or the ultimate amount of potential losses. Management records charges for estimated losses to the extent that information becomes available indicating that losses are probable and that the amounts are reasonably estimable. Additional losses may have an adverse effect on Allegheny's results of operations, cash flows and financial condition. AE and its subsidiaries are from time to time involved in litigation and other legal disputes in the ordinary course of business, including but not limited to the matters described below.

#### **Environmental Matters and Litigation**

The operations of Allegheny's owned facilities, including its generation facilities, are subject to various federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations as to air and water quality, hazardous and solid waste disposal and other environmental matters, some of which may be uncertain. Compliance may require Allegheny to incur substantial additional costs to modify or replace existing and proposed equipment and facilities.

*Global Climate Change*. The United States relies on coal-fired power plants for more than 45% of its energy. However, coal-fired power plants have come under scrutiny due to their emission of gases implicated in climate change, primarily carbon dioxide, or "CO<sub>2</sub>."

Allegheny produces approximately 95% of its electricity at coal-fired facilities and currently produces approximately 45 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually through its energy production. While there are many unknowns concerning the final regulation of greenhouse gases in the United States, federal and/or state legislation and implementing regulations addressing climate change, including limits on emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, likely will be adopted some time in the future. Thus, CO<sub>2</sub> legislation and regulation, if not reasonably designed, could have a significant impact on Allegheny's operations. Several legislative initiatives have been introduced in both houses of Congress with varying levels of support, but to date, no CO<sub>2</sub> - specific law has been passed.

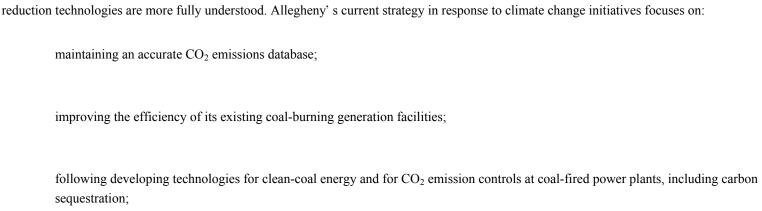
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Concurrently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") is moving to regulate greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act of 1970 (the "Clean Air Act"). On December 7, 2009, the EPA announced its Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding, stating that greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light trucks, when mixed in the atmosphere, endanger public health. The finding provides the EPA with a basis on which to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle tailpipes under the provisions of the Clean Air Act. Once a pollutant is regulated under the Clean Air Act for one source category, the EPA has authority to apply similar regulations to other source categories. On April 1, 2010, the EPA and the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ("NHTSA") announced a joint final rule that applies to passenger cars, light-duty trucks and medium-duty passenger vehicles, covering model years 2012 through 2016. Under the Clean Air Act, regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles also triggers requirements for new and modified stationary sources to control greenhouse gas emissions under the Prevention of Significant Deterioration ("PSD") program. Regulation of the stationary sources will be implemented through the final version of the "tailoring rule" issued on June 3, 2010. The tailoring rule will become effective on January 2, 2011. For six months, only new and modified sources already required to control emissions of other air pollutants will be required to control greenhouse gas emissions. Beginning July 1, 2011, new sources above 100,000 tons per year and modified existing sources with emissions increases above 75,000 tons per year (which may include Allegheny's facilities, but only to the extent any modifications to those facilities triggers application of the rule) will be required to control emissions.

There is a gap between the current capabilities of technology and the desired reduction levels in the current proposed legislation and regulations; no current commercial-scale technology exists to enable many of the reduction levels in national, regional and state proposals. Such technology may not become available within a timeframe consistent with the implementation of any future climate control initiatives or at all. To the extent that such technology does become available, Allegheny can provide no assurance that it will be suitable for installation at Allegheny's generation facilities on a cost effective basis or at all. Based on estimates from a 2007 Department of Energy National Electric Technology Laboratory report and recently announced projects by other entities, it could cost as much as \$5,500 per kW to replace existing coal-based power generation with fossil fuel stations capable of capturing and sequestering CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. However, exact estimates are difficult because of the variance in the legislative proposals and the current lack of deployable technology.

Regardless of the eventual mechanism for limiting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, compliance will be a major and costly challenge for Allegheny, its customers and the region in which it operates. Most notable will be the potential impact on customer bills and disproportionate increases in energy cost in areas that have built their energy and industrial infrastructure over the past century based on coal-fired electric generation.

Because the legislative process and applicable technology each is in its infancy, it is difficult for Allegheny to aggressively implement greenhouse gas emission expenditures until the exact nature and requirements of any regulation are known and the capabilities of control or reduction technologies are more fully understood. Allegheny's current strategy in response to climate change initiatives focuses on:



analyzing options for future energy investment (e.g., renewables, clean-coal, etc.); and
improving demand-side efficiency programs, as evidenced by customer conservation outreach plans and Allegheny's Watt
Watchers initiatives.
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Allegheny's energy portfolio also includes approximately 1,180 MWs of renewable hydroelectric and pumped storage power generation. Allegheny obtained a permit to allow for a limited use of bio-mass (wood chips and saw dust) at one of its coal-fired power stations in West Virginia and currently has approval to use waste-tire derived fuel at another of its coal-based power stations in West Virginia.

Allegheny is participating in the dialogue that will shape the regulatory landscape surrounding CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Additionally, Allegheny intends to pursue proven and cost-effective measures to manage its emissions while maintaining an affordable and reliable supply of electricity for its customers.

Clean Air Act Compliance and State Air Quality Initiatives. Allegheny currently meets applicable standards for particulate matter emissions at its generation facilities through the use of high-efficiency electrostatic precipitators, cleaned coal, flue-gas conditioning, optimization software, fuel combustion modifications and, at times, through other means. From time to time, minor excursions of stack emission opacity that are normal to fossil fuel operations are experienced and are accommodated by the regulatory process.

Allegheny's compliance with the Clean Air Act has required, and may require in the future, that Allegheny install control technologies on many of its generation facilities at significant cost. The proposed Clean Air Transport Rule ("CATR") released by the EPA on July 6, 2010 may accelerate the need to install this equipment by phasing out a portion of the currently available allowances, limiting trading and accelerating federal emission reduction goals. The proposed CATR replaces certain portions of the Clean Air Interstate Rule that were invalidated by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Following the February 2008 vacature of EPA's 2005 Clean Air Mercury Rule ("CAMR") by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, the EPA announced plans to propose a new maximum achievable control technology rule for hazardous air pollutant emissions from electric utility steam generating units in the first half of 2011. The EPA plans to finalize the new rule by November 2011. Allegheny is monitoring the EPA's efforts to promulgate hazardous air pollutant rules that will include, but will not be limited to, mercury limits. To establish these standards, the EPA must identify the best performing 12% of sources in each source category and, to that end, has issued an information request to members of the fossil fuel-fired generating industry that includes a requirement to conduct extensive stack emissions testing on selected generating units. Allegheny is required to conduct stack testing for eight of its generating units. Depending on the final hazardous air pollution limits set by the EPA, Allegheny could incur significant costs for additional control equipment.

Additionally, Maryland passed the Healthy Air Act in early 2006. This legislation imposes state-wide emission caps on SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>, requires greater reductions in mercury emissions more quickly than required by CAMR and mandates that Maryland join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ("RGGI") and participate in that coalition's regional efforts to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. On April 20, 2007, Maryland's governor signed on to RGGI, as a result of which Maryland became the 10th state to join the Northeast regional climate change and energy efficiency program. The Healthy Air Act provides a conditional exemption for the R. Paul Smith power station for NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and mercury, based on a PJM declaration that the station is vital to reliability in the Baltimore/Washington DC metropolitan area, which PJM determined in 2006. Pursuant to the legislation, the Maryland Department of the Environment (the "MDE") passed alternate NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> limits for R. Paul Smith, which became effective in April 2009. However, R. Paul Smith is still required to meet the Healthy Air Act mercury reductions of 80% beginning in 2010. The statutory exemption does not extend to R. Paul Smith's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Maryland issued final regulations to implement RGGI requirements in February 2008. Among other things, under RGGI, the MDE now auctions 100% of CO<sub>2</sub> allowances associated with Maryland's power plants, and Allegheny is participating in RGGI auctions. Through the second quarter of 2010, eight RGGI auctions have

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been held. RGGI allowances are also readily available in the allowance markets, affording another mechanism by which to secure necessary allowances.

AE Supply and Monongahela comply with current SO<sub>2</sub> emission standards through a system-wide plan, combining the use of emission controls, low sulfur fuel and emission allowances. Allegheny continues to evaluate and implement options for compliance. It completed the elimination of a partial bypass of Scrubbers at its Pleasants generation facility in December 2007 and the construction of Scrubbers at its Hatfield's Ferry and Fort Martin generating facilities in 2009. Allegheny now has Scrubbers installed and operating on all ten of the units at its four supercritical generating facilities and at Mitchell Unit 3.

Allegheny's NO<sub>x</sub> compliance plan functions on a system-wide basis, similar to its SO<sub>2</sub> compliance plan. Pending finalization of the CATR, AE Supply and Monongahela also have the option, in some cases, to purchase alternate fuels or NO<sub>x</sub> allowances, if needed, to supplement their compliance strategies. Allegheny currently has installed selective non-catalytic reduction equipment at its Fort Martin and Hatfield's Ferry generating stations and selective catalytic reduction equipment at its Harrison and Pleasants generating stations, together with other NO<sub>x</sub> controls at these supercritical generating facilities, as well as its other generating facilities.

On January 8, 2010, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection ("WVDEP") issued a Notice of Violation for opacity emissions at Allegheny's Pleasants generating facility. Allegheny is evaluating certain control system options for opacity reduction. Although a system has not yet been selected, the cost to install any such system could be significant.

Clean Water Act Compliance. In 2004, the EPA issued a final rule requiring all existing power plants with once-through cooling water systems withdrawing more than 50 million gallons of water per day to meet certain standards to reduce mortality of aquatic organisms pinned against the water intake screens or, in some cases, drawn through the cooling water system. The standards varied based on the type and size of the water bodies from which the plants draw their cooling water.

In January 2007, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision on appeal that remanded a significant portion of the rule to the EPA. As a result, the EPA suspended the rule, except for a requirement, which existed prior to the EPA's adoption of the 2004 rule, that permitting agencies use best professional judgment ("BPJ") to determine the best technology available for minimizing adverse environmental impacts for existing facility cooling water intakes. Pending re-issuance of the 2004 rule by the EPA, permitting agencies thus will rely on BPJ determinations during permit renewal at existing facilities.

On April 1, 2009, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the appeals court decision and upheld the EPA's authority to use cost/benefit analysis. EPA plans to issue a proposed rule addressing the issues remanded by the Court in 2010 and to issue a final rule in 2012. Depending on the standards set by the EPA when it reissues this rule, Allegheny could incur significant costs for additional control equipment.

Monongahela River Water Quality. In late 2008, the PA DEP imposed water quality criteria for certain effluents, including total dissolved solid ("TDS") and sulfate concentrations in the Monongahela River, on new and modified sources, including the Scrubber project at the Hatfield's Ferry generation facility. These criteria are reflected in the current PA DEP water discharge permit for that project. AE Supply has appealed the PA DEP's permitting decision, which would require it to incur significant costs or negatively affect its ability to operate the Scrubbers as designed. Preliminary studies indicate an initial capital investment of approximately \$62 million in

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order to install technology to meet the TDS and sulfate limits in the permit. The permit has been independently appealed by Environmental Integrity Project and Citizens Coal Council who seek to impose more stringent technology-based effluent limitations. Those same parties have intervened in the appeal filed by AE Supply, and both appeals have been consolidated for discovery purposes. An order has been entered that stays the permit limits that AE Supply has challenged while the appeal is pending. The hearing is scheduled to begin on September 13, 2011. AE Supply intends to vigorously pursue these issues, but cannot predict the outcome of these appeals. The PA DEP recommended an end-of-pipe limit TDS rule, and the Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board issued the final rule on August 21, 2010. Allegheny could incur significant costs for additional control equipment to meet the requirements of this rule, although its provisions do not apply to electric generating units until the end of 2018, and then only if the EPA has not promulgated TDS effluent limitation guidelines applicable to such units.

In October 2009, the WVDEP issued the water discharge permit for the Fort Martin generation facility. Similar to the Hatfield's Ferry water discharge permit issued for the Scrubber project, the Fort Martin permit imposes effluent limitations for TDS and sulfate concentrations. The permit also imposes temperature limitations and other effluent limits for heavy metals that are not contained in the Hatfield's Ferry water permit. Concurrent with the issuance of the Fort Martin permit, WVDEP also issued an administrative order that sets deadlines for Monongahela to meet certain of the effluent limits that are effective immediately under the terms of the permit. Monongahela has appealed the Fort Martin permit and the administrative order. The appeal includes a request to stay certain of the conditions of the permit and order while the appeal is pending. The request to stay has been granted pending a final decision on appeal and subject to WVDEP moving to dissolve the stay. The appeals have been consolidated. Monongahela moved to dismiss certain of the permit conditions for the failure of the WVDEP to submit those conditions for public review and comment during the permitting process. An agreed-upon order that suspends further action on this appeal, pending WVDEP's release for public review and comment on those conditions, was entered on August 11, 2010. The stay remains in effect during that process. The current terms of the Fort Martin permit would require Monongahela to incur significant costs or negatively impact operations at Fort Martin. Preliminary information indicates an initial capital investment in excess of the capital investment that may be needed at Hatfield's Ferry in order to install technology to meet the TDS and sulfate limits in the Fort Martin permit, which technology may also meet certain of the other effluent limits in the permit. Additional technology may be needed to meet certain other limits in the permit. Monongahela intends to vigorously pursue these issues but cannot predict the outcome of

Solid Waste. The EPA is reviewing its waste regulations relating to coal combustion residuals ("CCR") partly in response to a Tennessee Valley Authority ash spill in Kingston, Tennessee in December 2008. CCR includes bottom ash, boiler slag, fly ash and Scrubber byproducts including gypsum. CCR has historically been designated and managed as a non-hazardous waste, and the EPA has twice determined that it is not appropriate to regulate it as a hazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"). The EPA is reconsidering those earlier determinations and intends to issue new regulations for the management and disposal of CCR in 2010. The EPA has not yet reached a final decision on whether to regulate CCR as a hazardous or special waste (RCRA Title C) or as a non-hazardous waste (RCRA Title D) and on May 4, 2010 released a draft proposed rule which contained both options for public comment. Should the EPA elect to designate CCR as hazardous or special waste at any point in its generation, storage, transportation or disposal cycle, it could significantly increase Allegheny's cost of managing CCR materials and could also drive additional monitoring and corrective action at legacy disposal sites. In addition to potential additional management costs for CCR disposal, Allegheny might expect to see a reduction in options for beneficial reuse of CCR in applications such as mine reclamation, cement manufacture and agriculture, further increasing costs, as such materials will then enter landfills rather than beneficial reuse. While EPA's proposed rule appears to attempt to protect beneficial CCR

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reuse whatever the CCR designation, we are still reviewing the rule and assessing its effect on Allegheny in that regard. The proposed rule also provides options for the management and closure of wet CCR storage and disposal impoundments. Even if EPA elects the non-hazardous CCR option in a final rule, reducing Allegheny's potential waste management exposure, closure of wet disposal impoundments could be a source of significant costs. Allegheny is assessing the draft proposal and working with various trade groups and associations to determine potential costs and effects under either CCR option.

Potential Impact of Recent EPA and Climate Change Initiatives. Implementation of the EPA's current proposals with regard to air quality, water quality and CCR, as described above, would, together with potential climate change legislation, require extensive and costly changes to the nation's electric generation fleet, including the installation of new pollution controls, retirement of many existing generating facilities and construction of new generating capacity. Several industry and industry-related assessments, while varying in their estimates and assumptions, estimate that if implementation of these initiatives proceeds according to currently proposed schedules, the combined national cost through 2015 associated with required retrofitting of existing facilities and construction of new facilities could be hundreds of billions of dollars. Additionally, it is estimated that the cost of complying with these initiatives would not be economically justified for many individual facilities and would therefore result in the retirement of a significant portion of the nation's existing coal-fired generation capacity. While specific estimates involve complex models incorporating many variables and assumptions that are subject to individual interpretation and are highly subject to change, it is clear that timely compliance would be challenging and require significant investment, both at the industry level and for Allegheny, which could be required to install a variety of additional pollution controls at a number of its generating facilities and could be compelled to retire certain of its subcritical facilities.

Clean Air Act Litigation. In August 2000, AE received a letter from the EPA requesting that it provide information and documentation relevant to the operation and maintenance of the following ten electric generation facilities, which collectively include 22 generation units: Albright, Armstrong, Fort Martin, Harrison, Hatfield's Ferry, Mitchell, Pleasants, Rivesville, R. Paul Smith and Willow Island. AE Supply and/or Monongahela own these generation facilities. The letter requested information under Section 114 of the Clean Air Act to determine compliance with the Clean Air Act and related requirements, including potential application of the New Source Review ("NSR"), standards under the Clean Air Act, which can require the installation of additional air emission control equipment when the major modification of an existing facility results in an increase in emissions. AE has provided responsive information to this and a subsequent request.

If NSR requirements are imposed on Allegheny's generation facilities, in addition to the possible imposition of fines, compliance would entail significant capital investments in emission control technology.

On May 20, 2004, AE, AE Supply, Monongahela and West Penn received a Notice of Intent to Sue Pursuant to Clean Air Act §7604 (the "Notice") from the Attorneys General of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and from the PA DEP. The Notice alleged that Allegheny made major modifications to some of its West Virginia facilities in violation of the PSD provisions of the Clean Air Act at the following coal-fired facilities: Albright Unit No. 3; Fort Martin Units No. 1 and 2; Harrison Units No. 1, 2 and 3; Pleasants Units No. 1 and 2 and Willow Island Unit No. 2. The Notice also alleged PSD violations at the Armstrong, Hatfield's Ferry and Mitchell generation facilities in Pennsylvania and identifies PA DEP as the lead agency regarding those facilities. On September 8, 2004, AE, AE Supply, Monongahela and West Penn received a separate Notice of Intent to Sue from the Maryland Attorney General that essentially mirrored the previous Notice.

On January 6, 2005, AE Supply and Monongahela filed a declaratory judgment action against the Attorneys General of New York, Connecticut and New Jersey in federal District Court in West Virginia ("West Virginia DJ

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Action"). This action requests that the court declare that AE Supply's and Monongahela's coal-fired generation facilities in Pennsylvania and West Virginia comply with the Clean Air Act. The Attorneys General filed a motion to dismiss the West Virginia DJ Action that has not been ruled upon by the Court. On August 12, 2010, the Court granted the motion to dismiss, and the lawsuit has been concluded.

On June 28, 2005, the PA DEP and the Attorneys General of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Maryland filed suit against AE, AE Supply and the Distribution Companies in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (the "PA Enforcement Action"). This action alleges NSR violations under the federal Clean Air Act and the Pennsylvania Air Pollution Control Act at the Hatfield's Ferry, Armstrong and Mitchell facilities in Pennsylvania. The PA Enforcement Action appears to raise the same issues regarding Allegheny's Pennsylvania generation facilities that are before the federal District Court in the West Virginia DJ Action, except that the PA Enforcement Action also includes the PA DEP and the Maryland Attorney General. On January 17, 2006, the PA DEP and the Attorneys General filed an amended complaint. On May 30, 2006, the District Court denied Allegheny's motion to dismiss the amended complaint. On July 26, 2006, at a status conference, the Court determined that discovery would proceed regarding liability issues, but not remedies. Discovery on the liability phase closed on December 31, 2007, and summary judgment briefing was completed during the first quarter of 2008. On November 18, 2008, the District Court issued a Memorandum Order denying all motions for summary judgment and establishing certain legal standards to govern at trial. In December 2009, a new trial judge was assigned to the case who then entered an order granting a motion to reconsider the rulings in the November 2008 Memorandum Order. On April 18, 2010, the new judge issued an opinion, again denying all motions for summary judgment and establishing certain legal standards to govern at trial. The non-jury trial on liability only was held in September 2010. Plaintiffs must file their proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law on or before December 3, 2010, and Allegheny must make its related filings on or before January 19, 2011. The trial judge will issue his rulings after those filings have been made.

In addition to this lawsuit, on September 21, 2007, Allegheny received a Notice of Violation ("NOV") from the EPA alleging NSR and PSD violations under the federal Clean Air Act, as well as Pennsylvania and West Virginia state laws. The NOV, which was directed to AE, Monongahela and West Penn, alleges violations at the Hatfield's Ferry and Armstrong generation facilities in Pennsylvania and the Fort Martin and Willow Island generation facilities in West Virginia. The projects identified in the NOV are essentially the same as the projects at issue for these four facilities in the May 20, 2004 Notice, the West Virginia DJ Action and the PA Enforcement Action.

Allegheny intends to vigorously pursue and defend against the Clean Air Act matters described above but cannot predict their outcomes.

Global Warming Class Action. On April 9, 2006, AE, along with numerous other companies with coal-fired generation facilities and companies in other industries, was named as a defendant in a class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. On behalf of a purported class of residents and property owners in Mississippi who were harmed by Hurricane Katrina, the named plaintiffs allege that the emission of greenhouse gases by the defendants contributed to global warming, thereby causing Hurricane Katrina and plaintiffs' damages. The plaintiffs seek unspecified damages. On December 6, 2006, AE filed a motion to dismiss plaintiffs' complaint on jurisdictional grounds and then joined a motion filed by other defendants to dismiss the complaint for failure to state a claim. At a hearing on August 30, 2007, the Court granted the motion to dismiss that AE had joined and dismissed all of the plaintiffs' claims against all defendants. Plaintiffs appealed that ruling to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. On October 6, 2009, the assigned panel of the appellate court issued a written opinion that reversed the judgment

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entered by the District Court in favor of the defendants with respect to certain of the plaintiffs' claims and remanded the case to the District Court for further proceedings. On November 25, 2009, AE and others filed a petition to have all of the judges of the Fifth Circuit rehear the issues addressed in the panel's October 6, 2009 opinion. That petition was granted and oral argument was set for May 24, 2010. However, the parties were notified on April 30, 2010 that the Court was unable to empanel the necessary nine judges to hear the merits of the appeal due to recusals. The Court then entered an order on May 28, 2010, reinstating the ruling of the lower court that entered judgment in favor of the defendants and dismissing plaintiffs' appeal. Plaintiffs filed a Petition for Mandamus with the United States Supreme Court on August 26, 2010. Defendants must file their response to the petition on or before October 29, 2010. AE intends to vigorously defend against this action but cannot predict its outcome.

#### **Other Litigation**

Shareholder Actions. In connection with AE's proposed Merger with a subsidiary of FirstEnergy, purported AE shareholders filed in the first quarter of 2010 several separate putative shareholder class action and/or derivative lawsuits in Pennsylvania and Maryland state courts, as well as in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania against AE, its directors and certain of its officers (the "AE Defendants"), FirstEnergy and Merger Sub. The lawsuits alleged, among other things, that the AE directors breached their fiduciary duties by approving the Merger Agreement and that AE, FirstEnergy and Merger Sub aided and abetted in these alleged breaches of fiduciary duty. The lawsuits also alleged that the Merger consideration is unfair, that certain other terms in the Merger Agreement are unfair and that certain individual defendants are financially interested in the Merger. Among other remedies, the lawsuits sought to enjoin the Merger, or in the event that an injunction was not awarded, money damages. While AE believes the lawsuits are without merit and has defended vigorously against the claims, in order to avoid the costs associated with the litigation, the defendants agreed to a disclosure-based settlement of the lawsuits.

In exchange for AE's agreement with plaintiffs' counsel to include additional disclosure in the joint proxy statement/prospectus mailed to AE's and FirstEnergy's shareholders in connection with the Merger, and subject to court approval, plaintiff's counsel agreed to, among other matters, the dismissal of all claims asserted in the lawsuits and a release of claims related to the Merger on behalf of the putative class of AE shareholders. On October 18, 2010, a stipulation of settlement was filed in the Maryland Circuit Court for Baltimore City, which will review the settlement and determine whether it should be approved. The Maryland court set the hearing for approval of the settlement for December 13, 2010. If the Maryland court approves the settlement and the release, the plaintiffs in the actions filed in Pennsylvania state court and the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania have agreed to dismiss those actions. If the parties are unable to obtain final approval of the settlement, then litigation will proceed, and the outcome of any such litigation is inherently uncertain. If a dismissal is not granted, these lawsuits could prevent or delay the completion of the Merger and result in substantial costs to AE. The defense or settlement of any lawsuit or claim that remains unresolved at the time the Merger closes may adversely affect AE's business, financial condition or results of operations.

*PJM Calculation Error*. On March 8, 2010, the Midwest ISO filed two complaints at FERC against PJM. Both complaints are related to a modeling error that PJM discovered in September 2009. PJM reported that a modeling error in its system impacted the manner in which market-to-market power flow calculations were made between PJM and the Midwest ISO. Since April 2005, PJM had incorrectly modeled the ownership of certain generation resources in its system. The generation resources in question had an impact on power flows across the PJM/ Midwest ISO border, and therefore the ownership of those resources (i.e., whether they were owned by a PJM company or a Midwest ISO company) had an impact on the way in which PJM and the Midwest ISO should have been compensated for market-to-market transactions. The Midwest ISO claims that this error resulted in PJM

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underpaying the Midwest ISO by approximately \$130 million over the time period in question. The first complaint seeks a refund by PJM to the Midwest ISO of \$130 million plus interest. The second complaint alleges that PJM did not properly trigger market-to-market settlements between PJM and the Midwest ISO during times when it was required to do so under the Joint Operating Agreement between the two companies. The Midwest ISO claims that PJM's failure to act as required may have cost the Midwest ISO \$5 million or more. The second complaint requests refunds of this additional amount. As PJM market participants, AE Supply and Monongahela may be liable for a portion of any refunds ordered in this case. PJM, Allegheny and other PJM market participants filed responses to the Midwest ISO complaints at FERC on April 12, 2010 denying any liability. In its response, Allegheny argued that, even if PJM had in fact committed an error that impacted market-to-market settlements, there were both legal and equitable reasons for which FERC should decline to order any refunds be paid. Also on April 12, PJM filed a related complaint at FERC against the Midwest ISO claiming that the Midwest ISO improperly called for market-tomarket settlements several times during the same time period covered by the two Midwest ISO complaints filed against PJM. PJM claims these improper actions by the Midwest ISO may have cost the PJM market participants \$25 million or more. On June 29, 2010, FERC issued an initial order on the complaints. FERC's order consolidated all three of the pending complaints and set all disputed issues for hearing. The June 29th order did not resolve any of the legal issues in the dispute. The hearings required by the June 29th order will be held in abeyance while parties engage in FERC sponsored settlement discussions. A full evidentiary hearing on the substance of the complaints will be held if settlement cannot be achieved. Allegheny intends to participate in the FERC ordered settlement discussions and any subsequent hearings. Allegheny intends to vigorously pursue these matters but cannot predict their outcome.

Nevada Power Contracts. On December 7, 2001. Nevada Power Company ("NPC") filed a complaint with the FERC against AE Supply seeking action by the FERC to modify prices payable to AE Supply under three trade confirmations between Merrill Lynch and NPC. NPC's claim was based, in part, on the assertion that dysfunctional California spot markets had an adverse effect on the prices NPC was able to negotiate with Merrill Lynch under the contracts. NPC filed substantially identical complaints against a number of other energy suppliers. On December 19, 2002, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") issued findings that no contract modification was warranted. The ALJ determined in favor of NPC that AE Supply, rather than Merrill Lynch, was a proper subject of NPC's complaint. On June 26, 2003, the FERC affirmed the ALJ's decision upholding the long-term contracts negotiated between NPC and Merrill Lynch, among others. The FERC did not decide whether AE Supply, rather than Merrill Lynch, was the real party in interest. On November 10, 2003, the FERC issued an order, on rehearing, affirming its conclusion that the long-term contracts should not be modified. Snohomish County, NPC and other parties filed petitions for review of the FERC's June 26, 2003 order with the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (the "NPC Petitions"). The NPC Petitions were consolidated in the Ninth Circuit. On December 19, 2006, the Ninth Circuit issued an opinion remanding the case to the FERC to determine, in accordance with the guidance set forth in the Ninth Circuit's opinion, whether the FERC utilized the appropriate standard of review in deciding various claims, including NPC's complaint. On May 3, 2007, AE Supply and others filed a petition to appeal the Ninth Circuit's ruling to the United States Supreme Court. On June 26, 2008, the United States Supreme Court issued an opinion that rejected the Ninth Circuit's reasoning, with instructions that the case be remanded to the FERC for amplification or clarification of its findings on two issues set forth in the opinion. The case was remanded to the FERC, and the FERC issued an order on December 18, 2008 that provides for a paper hearing on the two issues identified by the United States Supreme Court, with initial filings due within 90 days and reply submissions within 90 days thereafter. However, the order holds those deadlines in abeyance, contingent upon settlement discussions between the parties, and a subsequent order lifting that stay has not been entered. The parties have reached a settlement, pursuant to which Allegheny has made no financial commitment. If approved, the settlement would result in dismissal of the case. The parties are in the process of memorializing the agreed upon settlement, which will be submitted to FERC for approval.

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Claims by California Parties. On October 5, 2006, several California governmental and utility parties presented AE Supply with a settlement proposal to resolve alleged overcharges for power sales by AE Supply to the California Energy Resource Scheduling division of the California Department of Water Resources ("CDWR") during 2001. The settlement proposal claims that CDWR is owed approximately \$190 million for these alleged overcharges. This proposal was made in the context of mediation efforts by the FERC and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in pending proceedings to resolve all outstanding refund and other claims, including claims of alleged price manipulation in the California energy markets during 2000 and 2001. The Ninth Circuit has since remanded one of those proceedings to the FERC, which arises out of claims previously filed with the FERC by the California Attorney General on behalf of certain California parties against various sellers in the California wholesale power market, including AE Supply (the Lockyer case). AE Supply and several other sellers filed motions to dismiss the Lockyer case. On March 18, 2010, the judge assigned to the case entered an opinion that granted the motions to dismiss filed by AE Supply and other sellers and dismissed the claims of the California Parties. On April 19, 2010, the California Parties filed exceptions to the judge's rulings with FERC, and briefing is complete on those exceptions. The parties are awaiting a ruling from FERC on the exceptions.

On June 2, 2009, the California Attorney General, on behalf of certain California parties, filed a second lawsuit with FERC against various sellers, including AE Supply (the Brown case), again seeking refunds for trades in the California energy markets during 2000 and 2001. The above-noted trades with CDWR are the basis for the joining of AE Supply in this new lawsuit. AE Supply has filed a motion to dismiss the Brown case that is pending before FERC. No scheduling order has been entered in the Brown case. Allegheny intends to vigorously defend against these claims but cannot predict their outcome.

Claims Related to Alleged Asbestos Exposure. The Distribution Companies have been named as defendants, along with multiple other defendants, in pending asbestos cases alleging bodily injury involving multiple plaintiffs and multiple sites. These suits have been brought mostly by seasonal contractors' employees and do not involve allegations of the manufacture, sale or distribution of asbestos-containing products by Allegheny. These asbestos suits arise out of historical operations and are related to the installation and removal of asbestos-containing materials at Allegheny's generation facilities. Allegheny's historical operations were insured by various foreign and domestic insurers, including Lloyd's of London. Certain insurers have contested their obligations to pay for the future defense and settlement costs relating to the asbestos suits. Allegheny is currently involved in three asbestos and/or environmental insurance-related actions, Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London et al. v. Allegheny Energy, Inc. et al., Case No. 21-C-03-16733 (Washington County, Md.), Monongahela Power Company et al. v. Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's London and London Market Companies, et al., Civil Action No. 03-C-281 (Monongalia County, W.Va.) and Allegheny Energy, Inc. et al. v. Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company, Civil Action No. 10-CV-3142 WY (United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania). The parties are seeking a declaration of coverage under the policies for asbestos-related and environmental claims.

Allegheny does not believe that the existence or pendency of either the asbestos suits or the actions involving its insurance will have a material impact on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. As of September 30, 2010, Allegheny's total number of claims alleging exposure to asbestos was 876 in West Virginia, nine in Pennsylvania and one in Illinois. Allegheny intends to vigorously pursue these matters but cannot predict their outcomes.

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#### Leases

Allegheny has capital and operating lease agreements with various terms and expiration dates, primarily for vehicles, computer equipment, communication lines and buildings. Allegheny's estimated future minimum lease payments for capital and operating leases, with annual payments exceeding \$100,000 and initial or remaining lease terms in excess of one year are:

									Present
	October 1								value of net
	through							Less: amount	minimum
(In millions)	December 31,							representing	capital lease
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Thereafter	Total	interest and fees	payments
Capital Leases	\$ 3.4	\$14.6	\$11.7	\$9.9	\$7.9	\$ 13.4	\$60.9	\$ 14.0	\$ 46.9
Operating Leases									
	\$ 1.7	\$6.3	\$5.7	\$5.5	\$5.4	\$ 8.5	\$33.1	\$ 0	\$ 0

#### **PURPA**

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (the "Energy Policy Act") amended PURPA significantly. Most notably, as of the effective date of the Energy Policy Act on August 8, 2005, electric utilities are no longer required to enter into any new contractual obligation to purchase energy from a qualifying facility if FERC finds that the facility has non-discriminatory access to a functioning wholesale market and open access transmission. This amendment has no impact on Allegheny's current long-term power purchase agreements under PURPA.

The table below reflects Allegheny's estimated commitments for energy and capacity purchases under PURPA contracts as of September 30, 2010. The commitments were calculated based on expected PURPA purchased power prices at September 30, 2010, without giving effect to possible price changes that could occur as a result of any future emissions regulation or legislation. Actual values can vary substantially depending upon future conditions.

#### (In millions)

	kWhs	Amount
October 1 through December 31, 2010		
	847	\$62.3
2011		
	3,570	258.3
2012		
	3,590	260.3
2013		
	3,580	265.7

2014	3,489	263.6
Thereafter	46,573	3,680.2
Total	61,649	\$4,790.4

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### **Fuel Purchase and Transportation Commitments**

Allegheny has entered into various long-term commitments for the procurement and transportation of fuel (primarily coal) and lime to supply its generation facilities. Total estimated long-term fuel purchase and transportation commitments at September 30, 2010 were as follows:

## (In millions)

(in minous)	Total
October 1 through December 31, 2010	\$285.2
2011	1,069.3
2012	746.2
2013	
2014	714.3
Thereafter	719.0
	1,870.4
Total	<u>\$5,404.4</u>

## **Other Purchase Obligations**

AE has a Professional Service Agreement with Electronic Data Systems Corporation and EDS Information Services, LLC related to certain of Allegheny's technology functions that will expire on December 31, 2012. Expected cash payments relating to the Professional Service Agreement are as follows:

October 1			
through			
December 31,			
2010	2011	2012	Total
\$ 6.3	\$23.8	\$22.9	\$53.0
	December 31,	through  December 31,  2010  2011	through December 31, 2010 2011 2012

#### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements and Notes to Financial Statements included in this report, as well as the Financial Statements, Notes to Financial Statements and Supplementary Data and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in Allegheny's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (the "2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K").

### Forward-Looking Statements

In addition to historical information, this report contains a number of forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements involve estimates, expectations and projections and, as a result, are subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements often may be identified by the use of words such as anticipate, expect, project, intend, plan, believe and words and terms of similar substance used in connection with any discussion of future plans, actions or events. However, the absence of these or similar words does not mean that any particular statement is not forward-looking. Forward-looking statements herein may relate to, among other matters:

regulatory issues, including, but not limited to, environmental regulation and state rate regulation;
financing plans;
market demand and prices for energy, capacity, coal and natural gas;
the cost and availability of raw materials, including coal, and Allegheny's ability to enter into, modify and enforce long-term fuel purchase agreements;
power supply contracts;
results of litigation;
results of operations;
internal controls and procedures;
capital expenditures;
status and condition of plants and equipment;

changes in technology and their effects on the competitiveness of Allegheny's generation facilities;
work stoppages by Allegheny's unionized employees;
capacity purchase commitments; and
AE's proposed Merger with FirstEnergy.
There can be no assurance that actual results will not differ materially from expectations. Actual results have varied materially and unpredictably from past expectations. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, among others, the following:
the results of regulatory proceedings, including proceedings related to rates;
plant performance and unplanned outages;
volatility and changes in the price and demand for energy and capacity and changes in the value of FTRs;
volatility and changes in the price of coal, natural gas and other energy-related commodities, as well as transportation costs;
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Allegheny's ability to enter into, modify and enforce long-term fuel purchase agreements;
the effectiveness of Allegheny's risk management policies and procedures;
the ability and willingness of counterparties to satisfy their financial and performance obligations;
changes in the weather and other natural phenomena;
changes in Allegheny's requirements for, and the availability and price of, emission allowances;
changes in industry capacity, development and other activities by Allegheny's competitors;
changes in market rules, including changes to PJM's participant rules and tariffs, and defaults by other market participants;
the loss of any significant customers or suppliers;
changes in both customer usage and customer switching behavior and their resulting effects on existing and future load requirements;
the impact of government-mandated energy consumption initiatives and renewable requirements, as well as general trends in resource conservation;
dependence on other electric transmission and gas transportation systems and their constraints on availability;
the reliability of Allegheny's own transmission system and its ongoing compliance with NERC reliability standards;
environmental regulations;
changes in other laws and regulations applicable to Allegheny, its markets or its activities;

changes in the underlying inputs and assumptions, including market conditions, used to estimate the fair values of commodity contracts;
the effect of accounting pronouncements issued periodically by accounting standard-setting bodies;
the likelihood and timing of the completion of the proposed Merger with FirstEnergy, the terms and conditions of any required regulatory approvals of the proposed Merger, the impact of the proposed Merger on Allegheny's employees and potential diversion of management's time and attention from ongoing business during this time period;
difficulties in obtaining regulatory authorizations on a timely basis;
disruptions in the financial markets and changes in access to capital markets;
the availability of credit;
actions of rating agencies;
inflationary or deflationary trends and interest rate trends;
general economic and business conditions, including the effects of the recent recession; and
other risks, including the effects of global instability, terrorism and war.
A detailed discussion of certain factors affecting Allegheny's risk profile is provided under Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in the 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.
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The primary purpose of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") is to provide information regarding Allegheny's past and expected future performance in implementing its strategies and managing its risks and challenges. Allegheny's MD&A includes the following sections:

"Overview" includes a discussion of overall challenges and recent developments and initiatives;

"Results of Operations" provides an overview of Allegheny's operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, including a review of earnings and results by reportable segment;

"Financial Condition-Liquidity and Capital Resources" provides an analysis of Allegheny's liquidity position and credit profile, including its sources of cash (including bank credit facilities and sources of operating cash flow) and uses of cash (including contractual obligations and capital expenditure requirements) and the key risks and uncertainties that impact Allegheny's past and future liquidity position and financial condition; and

"Regulatory Framework Affecting Allegheny" provides a background and update of the various state and federal regulatory matters impacting Allegheny.

#### Overview

Allegheny is an integrated energy business that owns and operates electric generation facilities primarily in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland. Additionally, Allegheny owns transmission assets in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia and provides distribution services to customers in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland. See Note 1, "Business and Basis of Presentation," to Allegheny's consolidated financial statements for more information.

Allegheny's operations are aligned in two reportable segments, the Merchant Generation segment and the Regulated Operations segment. Allegheny changed the composition of its reportable segments during the fourth quarter of 2009, consistent with changes made to its management structure and the internal financial reporting used by its chief operating decision maker to regularly assess the performance of the business and allocate resources. See Note 10, "Segment Information," to Allegheny's consolidated financial statements for additional information.

### **Pending Merger**

On February 10, 2010, AE entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (as amended on June 4, 2010, the "Merger Agreement") with FirstEnergy Corp. ("FirstEnergy") and Element Merger Sub, Inc. ("Merger Sub"), a wholly owned subsidiary of FirstEnergy. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into AE (the "Merger"), with AE continuing as the surviving corporation and becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of FirstEnergy. The Merger is intended to qualify as a tax-free reorganization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and be tax-free to AE stockholders. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, upon completion of the Merger, each issued and outstanding share of AE's common stock, including grants of restricted stock, will automatically be converted into the right to receive 0.667 of a share of the common stock of FirstEnergy. This ratio is fixed, and the Merger Agreement does not provide for any adjustment to reflect stock price changes prior to completion of the Merger.

On July 16, 2010, FirstEnergy's registration statement on Form S-4 containing a joint proxy statement/prospectus relating to the proposed Merger was declared effective by the SEC and AE stockholders and FirstEnergy shareholders approved the various proposals related to the Merger in separate shareholder meetings on September 14, 2010. Additionally, the Virginia SCC approved the proposed Merger on September 9, 2010.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, completion of the Merger remains conditioned upon, among other things, expiration or termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Anti-Trust
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Improvements Act of 1976 (the "HSR Act") and approval by FERC, the Pennsylvania PUC, the West Virginia PSC and the Maryland PSC. AE and FirstEnergy currently anticipate completing the Merger in the first half of 2011.

#### **FERC**

On May 11, 2010, AE and FirstEnergy filed an application with FERC for approval of their proposed Merger. AE and FirstEnergy submitted additional information regarding the merger application on June 21, 2010 in response to a request by FERC. Interventions and protests were filed with FERC on July 12, 2010. On July 27, 2010, FirstEnergy filed additional information with FERC in response to the interventions. FERC is expected to complete its review in sufficient time to meet the anticipated Merger closing schedule in the first half of 2011.

### State Regulatory Merger Filings

AE and FirstEnergy filed applications for approval of the proposed Merger with the Pennsylvania PUC, the West Virginia PSC and the Maryland PSC in May 2010 and with the Virginia SCC in June 2010.

The Virginia SCC issued a decision approving the transaction on September 9, 2010.

On October 22, 2010, AE and FirstEnergy filed a comprehensive settlement with the Pennsylvania PUC that addresses the issues raised by 18 parties to the merger proceedings in Pennsylvania. The filing includes additional commitments related to employment levels, including a five-year commitment to maintain at least 800 jobs in Greensburg and Westmoreland County for the first year after the Merger closes, 675 jobs for the following 12 months, 650 jobs for the next year and 600 jobs for each of the next two years. The settlement also provides nearly \$11 million in distribution rate credits for West Penn customers, a distribution rate freeze for FirstEnergy's current Pennsylvania utility customers and support for renewable and sustainable energy and customer choice. The settlement is subject to approval by the Pennsylvania PUC and does not resolve issues raised by parties who did not join in the settlement.

On November 3, 2010, AE and FirstEnergy filed a comprehensive settlement with the West Virginia PSC that resolves all issues raised by the parties in the merger proceedings in West Virginia. In addition to the commitments made in the initial merger application, the settlement includes: a commitment to maintain a regional headquarters operation for Allegheny's West Virginia utility operations within Monongahela's service territory; \$7.5 million in rate reductions over a two-year period for Allegheny's West Virginia customers; certain customer service and reliability commitments aimed at reducing the duration of outages; a commitment to maintain customer call center operations in Fairmont, West Virginia for at least five years following the completion of the Merger; additional funding totaling \$500,000 over a four-year period for Dollar Energy Fund in West Virginia; and specific demand-side management and energy efficiency savings levels in Allegheny's West Virginia service territories. The settlement is subject to approval by the West Virginia PSC.

The Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland commissions are expected to complete their reviews in sufficient time to meet the anticipated Merger closing schedule in the first half of 2011.

See Regulatory Framework Affecting Allegheny - State Rate Regulation below for additional information.

## Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Act Filings

On May 25, 2010, AE and FirstEnergy made HSR filings with the U.S. Department of Justice (the "DOJ") and Federal Trade Commission. On June 24, 2010, AE and FirstEnergy each received a request for additional information from the DOJ. AE and FirstEnergy continue to cooperate with the DOJ and expect the DOJ to complete its review in sufficient time to meet the anticipated Merger closing schedule in the first half of 2011.

#### **Business Challenges**

Allegheny faces a number of challenges and risks in its generation business, including electricity and capacity price risk, fuel supply and price risk, changes in electricity demand, competition from other electricity suppliers, changes in generating plant performance and evolving environmental and other regulations and requirements. Allegheny has executed and continues to enter into contracts for power sales and fuel supply purchase at varying prices and duration within established policies and guidelines. Allegheny's future profitability will be affected by prevailing market conditions and the extent to and prices at which it has entered into intermediate or long-term power sales and fuel purchase agreements.

Allegheny manages the risks described above through various means, including risk-management programs that are designed to monitor and measure exposure to earnings and cash flow volatility related to changes in energy and fuel prices, counterparty credit quality and the operating performance of its generating units.

Allegheny also faces a number of challenges in its regulated utility business, including the challenge to maintain high quality customer service and reliability in a cost-effective manner. In addition, Allegheny's regulated utility operations are subject to regulatory risk with respect to costs that may be recovered and investment returns that may be collected through regulated customer rates in each of its operating jurisdictions. See "Risk Factors" in Allegheny's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information regarding these and other risks that Allegheny faces in its business.

Although Allegheny has observed increased customer demand and increased market prices for power during 2010, Allegheny continues to face the ongoing effects of an economic downturn that began during the second half of 2008, including lower market prices for electricity, which have reduced realized revenues from the sale of unhedged generation output and, at times, caused Allegheny's coal-fired plants to be placed in reserve status when they were otherwise available to generate power.

#### **Recent Events**

On June 1, 2010, Potomac Edison sold its Virginia electric distribution business to Rappahannock Electric Cooperative and Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative (together the "Co-Ops") for cash proceeds of approximately \$317 million. See Note 4, "Sale of Virginia Distribution Business," to Allegheny's consolidated financial statements and "Regulatory Framework Affecting Allegheny" below for additional information.

On June 25, 2010, the West Virginia PSC approved a base rate case settlement among Monongahela, Potomac Edison, the Staff of the West Virginia PSC, the West Virginia Consumer Advocate Division and other parties. See Note 5, "Rates and Regulation," to Allegheny's consolidated financial statements and "Regulatory Framework Affecting Allegheny" below for additional information.

#### Liquidity

Allegheny does not have any significant debt scheduled to mature prior to April 2012. In addition, Allegheny, AE Supply, Monongahela, West Penn, Potomac Edison, AGC and TrAIL Company each have in place revolving credit facilities. Total available capacity under these revolving credit facilities was \$1,851.9 million at September 30, 2010. See "Financial Condition-Liquidity and Capital Resources" below for additional information.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Earnings attributable to AE by segment for the three and nine months ended September 30, were as follows:

		nths Ended nber 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009	
Earnings by Segment:					
Merchant Generation	\$59.9	\$ 38.0	\$155.2	\$159.8	
Regulated Operations	55.0	38.8	167.6	123.1	
Elimination of intercompany transactions	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.6	
Consolidated net income attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.	<u>\$115.1</u>	<u>\$ 77.0</u>	\$323.5	\$283.5	
Basic earnings per share	\$0.68	\$ 0.45	\$1.91	\$1.67	
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.68	\$ 0.45	\$1.90	\$1.67	

## **Summary of Operating Results**

Three Months Ended September 30, 2010							
Merchant Generation	Regulated Operations	Eliminations (a)	Total	Merchant Generation	Regulated Operations	Eliminations (a)	Total
\$ 484.5	\$ 878.0	\$ (318.8 )	\$1,043.7	\$ 358.3	\$ 729.2	\$ (293.8 )	\$793.7
233.1	90.2	0	323.3	151.2	36.8	0	188.0
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Purchased power and transmission										
	9.0	422.9	(317.5	)	114.4	9.0	417.5	(292.3	)	134.2
Deferred energy costs, net	0	17.7	0		17.7	0	(14.3 )	0		(14.3)
Operations and maintenance										
	70.2	127.3	(1.3	)	196.2	50.2	102.5	(1.5	)	151.2
Depreciation and amortization										
	32.4	49.2	(0.4	)	81.2	28.5	43.3	(0.5	)	71.3
Taxes other than income taxes										
	12.3	46.0	0	_	58.3	12.4	45.0	0	_	57.4
Total operating expenses										
	357.0	753.3	(319.2	_)	791.1	251.3	630.8	(294.3	_)	587.8
Operating income										
	127.5	124.7	0.4		252.6	107.0	98.4	0.5		205.9
Other income (expense), net	1.6	6.4	(3.6	)	4.4	0.1	4.5	(2.7	)	1.9
Interest expense	40.5	44.1	(1.0	)	83.6	46.5	38.8	(0.2	)	85.1
Income before income taxes	88.6	87.0	(2.2	)	173.4	60.6	64.1	(2.0	)	122.7
Income tax expense										
income uni onpenio	26.3	32.0	0	_	58.3	20.4	24.9	0	_	45.3
Net income										
	62.3	55.0	(2.2	)	115.1	40.2	39.2	(2.0	)	77.4
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest										
	(2.4)	0	2.4	_	0	(2.2 )	(0.4)	2.2		(0.4)
Net income attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.										
	\$ 59.9	\$ 55.0	\$ 0.2		\$115.1	\$ 38.0	\$ 38.8	\$ 0.2		\$77.0

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents elimination of transactions between reportable segments.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010				Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009					
(In millions)	Merchant Generation	Regulated Operations	Eliminations (a)	<u>Total</u>	Merchant Generation	Regulated Operations	Elimination	s	Total	
Operating revenues	\$1,405.0	\$2,634.3	<u>\$(1,001.0</u> )	\$3,038.3	\$1,188.1	\$2,309.6	\$ (932.0	_)	\$2,565.7	
Operating expenses:										
Fuel	697.7	239.3	0	937.0	490.2	173.6	0		663.8	
Purchased power and transmission	27.8	1,358.9	(997.0 )	389.7	27.2	1,280.9	(927.7	)	380.4	
Deferred energy costs, net	0	28.0	0	28.0	0	(38.9 )	0		(38.9 )	
Gain on sale of Virginia distribution business	0	(45.1 )	0	(45.1 )	0	0	0		0	
Operations and maintenance	188.8	388.7	(4.1)	573.4	201.0	322.2	(4.3	)	518.9	
Depreciation and amortization	97.0	145.9	(1.2)	241.7	76.2	132.2	(1.4	)	207.0	
Taxes other than income taxes	38.4	133.5	0	171.9	33.7	126.0	0		159.7	
Total operating expenses	1,049.7	2,249.2	(1,002.3)	2,296.6	828.3	1,996.0	(933.4	)	1,890.9	
Operating income	355.3	385.1	1.3	741.7	359.8	313.6	1.4		674.8	
Other income (expense), net	3.0	16.9	(10.2)	9.7	1.2	13.2	(8.3	)	6.1	
Interest expense	112.9	129.9	(2.7 )	240.1	84.4	117.8	(0.7	)	201.5	
Income before income taxes	245.4	272.1	(6.2)	511.3	276.6	209.0	(6.2	)	479.4	

Income tax expense	83.3	104.5	0		187.8	110.0	85.1	0		195.1
Net income	162.1	167.6	(6.2	)	323.5	166.6	123.9	(6.2	)	284.3
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(6.9)	0	6.9		0	(6.8)	(0.8)	6.8		(0.8 )
Net income attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.	\$155.2	\$167.6	\$0.7	_	\$323.5	\$159.8	\$123.1	\$ 0.6		\$283.5

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents elimination of transactions between reportable segments.

### MERCHANT GENERATION SEGMENT

Selected financial results for the Merchant Generation segment were as follows:

		nths Ended aber 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009	
Operating revenues	\$484.5	\$358.3	\$1,405.0	\$1,188.1	
Operating income	\$127.5	\$107.0	\$355.3	\$359.8	
Income before income taxes	\$88.6	\$60.6	\$245.4	\$276.6	

The following is a summary of certain statistical information relating to the Merchant Generation segment that is regularly reviewed by its management:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2010	2009	Change		2010	2009	Change	<u>,                                      </u>
Market prices:								
Round-the-clock energy price (\$/MWh, PJM Western Hub) (a)	\$51.34	\$33.78	52.0	%	\$47.61	\$39.12	21.7	%
Round-the-clock energy price (\$/MWh, PJM AD Hub) (a)	\$40.60	\$28.55	42.2	%	\$38.36	\$33.23	15.4	%
Natural gas price-Henry Hub NYMEX (\$/ MMBtu)	\$4.28	\$3.15	35.9	%	\$4.57	\$3.80	20.3	%
Allegheny operating statistics:								
Realized energy price (\$/MWh) (b)	\$43.67	\$32.72	33.5	%	\$39.27	\$37.01	6.1	%
Supercritical Coal Units:								

kWhs generated (in millions)	6,534	4,668	40.0	%	21,010	16,611	26.5	%
Equivalent Availability Factor (EAF) (d)	80.1 %	86.6 %	(6.5	)%	83.2 %	78.7 %	4.5	%
Net Capacity Factor (NCF) (e)	68.2 %	48.7 %	19.5	%	72.8 %	57.5 %	15.3	%
Station O&M (in millions) (f):								
Base and operations	\$22.3	\$18.5	20.5	%	\$62.7	\$61.6	1.8	%
Special maintenance	14.0	3.8	268.4	%	28.5	51.9	(45.1	)%
Total Station O&M	\$36.3	\$22.3	62.8	%	<u>\$91.2</u>	<u>\$113.5</u>	(19.6	)%
All Generating Units:								
kWhs generated (in millions) (c)	8,412	5,646	49.0	%	25,394	19,111	32.9	%
EAF (d)	85.8 %	88.4 %	(2.6	)%	85.9 %	81.8 %	4.1	%
NCF (e)	53.2 %	35.6 %	17.6	%	54.0 %	40.6 %	13.4	%
Station O&M (in millions):								
Base and operations	\$32.3	\$28.4	13.7	%	\$91.8	\$91.7	0.1	%
Special maintenance	14.5	4.4	229.5	%	30.6	57.3	(46.6	)%
Total Station O&M	\$46.8	\$32.8	42.7	%	\$122.4	\$149.0	(17.9	)%

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents the historical round-the-clock energy prices for the PJM Western Hub and PJM AEP-Dayton Hub, which management periodically considers when reviewing price trends within Allegheny's region of PJM.

<sup>(</sup>b) Represents the weighted average actual price received at the generation facility for power sold into PJM by Allegheny's Merchant Generation plants.

<sup>(</sup>c) Excludes kWhs consumed by pumping at the Bath County, Virginia hydroelectric station.

- (d) EAF represents the average available generating capacity expressed as a percentage of total generating capacity. This measure is commonly less than 100%, primarily due to planned and unplanned outages and derates.
- (e) NCF is a measure of actual net electricity generated compared to the amount of electricity that could have been generated at maximum operating capacity. This measure is less than 100% due to periods during which generating capacity is not available as a result of planned and unplanned outages, as well as periods during which generating capacity is available, but is not dispatched because of the availability in the market of lower cost generation in amounts sufficient to meet demand.
- (f) Station O&M includes base, operations and special maintenance costs. Base and operations costs consist of normal recurring expenses related to the ongoing operation of the generation facilities. Special maintenance costs include costs associated with outage-related maintenance and projects that relate to the generation facilities.

Forward prices for certain commodities in Allegheny's region were as follows:

	Forward Market Prices (a)			
	Three Months Ending			
	December 31, 2010	2011	2012	
Round-the-clock energy price-PJM Western Hub (\$/MWh)	\$ 37.67	\$41.08	\$43.15	
Round-the-clock energy price-PJM AD Hub (\$/MWh)	\$ 31.50	\$34.78	\$37.83	
Natural gas price-Henry Hub NYMEX (\$/MMBtu)	\$ 3.94	\$4.44	\$5.07	

<sup>(</sup>a) Based on average prices at September 30, 2010.

The performance of Allegheny's Merchant Generation segment is significantly impacted by changes in prices for power and for commodities that underlie the generation of electric power, such as coal and natural gas. Market prices for power and related commodities are volatile and difficult to predict. Changes in such prices result from changes in supply and demand, fuel costs, market liquidity, weather, environmental regulation and other factors. In lower power price environments, Allegheny may generate less power because of the increased amount of time during which it is not economical to run its generating units.

To manage exposure to market price changes, Allegheny sells and purchases physical energy at the wholesale and retail level and enters into various economic hedges within established risk management objectives and policies, some of which do not qualify for cash flow hedge accounting treatment. The following table shows the percentages of Allegheny's estimated future power sales and coal purchases that were hedged as of September 30, 2010:

	Three Months Ending			
	<b>December 31, 2010</b>			2012
Percentage of expected coal-fired generation sales hedged	93	%	67 %	25 %
Percentage of expected coal purchases hedged	100	%	98 %	69 %

#### **Operating Revenues**

Merchant Generation operating revenues were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,			ths Ended ber 30,
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
PJM energy revenue (all generation)	\$365.8	\$184.3	\$995.1	\$706.1

PJM	capacity	revenue

FJM capacity revenue	94.8	106.6	300.6	251.2
Power hedge revenue, net:				
Power sale revenue-affiliated contracts	311.0	285.6	977.5	905.8
Power sale revenue-nonaffiliated contracts	68.8	19.1	112.3	56.8
Power purchased from PJM to serve affiliated and nonaffiliated contracts	(376.0)	(280.9)	(1,014.7)	(886.0)
Realized gains (losses) on financial hedges	(5.8 )	40.2	(10.1 )	79.2
Power hedge revenue, net	(2.0 )	64.0	65.0	155.8
Other, including unrealized gains (losses) on hedge instruments	25.9	3.4	44.3	75.0
Total operating revenues	\$484.5	\$358.3	\$1,405.0	\$1,188.1

Total operating revenues increased \$126.2 million in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to a \$181.5 million increase in PJM energy revenue and a \$22.5 million increase in other revenues, including unrealized gains (losses) on hedge instruments, partially offset by a \$66.0 million decrease in power hedge revenue, net and an \$11.8 million decrease in PJM capacity revenue.

Total operating revenues increased \$216.9 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to a \$289.0 million increase in PJM energy revenue and a \$49.4 million increase in PJM capacity revenue, partially offset by a \$90.8 million decrease in power hedge revenue, net and a \$30.7 million decrease in other revenues, including unrealized gains (losses) on hedge instruments.

#### PJM Energy Revenue

PJM energy revenue represents the sale into PJM of all power produced by the Merchant Generation segment. PJM energy revenue increased \$181.5 million and \$289.0 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to higher generation output and higher prices.

## PJM Capacity Revenue

*PJM capacity revenue.* PJM capacity revenue represents payments received from PJM based on Allegheny's available generation capacity and capacity prices as determined under the PJM RPM auction process. PJM capacity revenue decreased \$11.8 million in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2009, primarily as a result of decreased capacity prices and reduced revenue due to plant performance.

PJM capacity revenue increased \$49.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, as a result of increased capacity prices.

PJM has conducted RPM capacity auctions through the planning year ending May 31, 2014. For Allegheny's region of PJM, average capacity auction prices per MW-day for the planning years ending May 31, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 were \$191, \$174, \$110, \$16 and \$28, respectively.

#### Power Hedge Revenue, Net

Power sale revenue-affiliated contracts. Power sale revenue-affiliated contracts represent sales of power by the Merchant Generation segment to West Penn and Potomac Edison under power sales contracts. Power sale revenue-affiliated contracts increased \$25.4 million and \$71.7 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to increased revenues in Pennsylvania resulting from higher sales volumes and higher generation rates charged to Pennsylvania customers, which are passed on to AE Supply under the terms of the power supply contract between West Penn and AE Supply. These increases in revenue were partially offset by a reduction in affiliated power sale revenue due to the June 1, 2010 sale of Potomac Edison's Virginia distribution business to the Co-Ops. Beginning June 1, 2010, power sales between the Merchant Generation segment and the Co-Ops is being recorded in power sale revenue-nonaffiliated contracts. Prior to the sale of the Virginia distribution business, these sales were classified as affiliated revenue.

Power sale revenue-nonaffiliated contracts. Power sale revenue-nonaffiliated contracts represent sales of power by the Merchant Generation segment to third parties under power sales contracts. Power sale revenue - nonaffiliated contracts increased \$49.7 million and \$55.5 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to the June 1, 2010 sale of Potomac Edison's Virginia distribution business. Beginning June 1, 2010, power sales between the Merchant Generation segment and the Co-Ops are being recorded in power sale revenue-nonaffiliated contracts. Prior to the sale of the Virginia distribution business, these sales were classified as affiliated revenue.

Power purchased from PJM to serve affiliated and nonaffiliated contracts. Power purchased from PJM to serve affiliated and nonaffiliated contracts increased \$95.1 million and \$128.7 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to higher power prices and higher sales volumes.

Realized gains (losses) on financial hedges. Realized gains (losses) on financial hedges decreased \$46.0 million and \$89.3 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to reduced gains on power sales hedges, partially offset by a reduction in losses on power purchase hedges. These reductions resulted from lower margins between contract price and market price in 2010 compared to 2009.

#### Other Revenues

Other revenues increased \$22.5 million in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to unrealized gains on the ineffective portion of cash flow hedges, unrealized gains on contracts not qualified as cash flow hedges and increased unrealized gains on FTRs.

Other revenues decreased \$30.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to unrealized losses related to pipeline capacity economic hedges that did not qualify for hedge accounting, partially offset by unrealized gains on the ineffective portion of cash flow hedges and unrealized gains on contracts not qualified as cash flow hedges.

# **Operating Expenses**

*Fuel:* Fuel expense represents the cost of coal, natural gas, oil, lime and other materials consumed in the generation of power, as well as emission allowances, fuel handling and residual disposal costs. Fuel expense was as follows:

		Three Months Ended September 30,				
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009		
Fuel	\$233.1	\$151.2	\$697.7	\$490.2		

Fuel expense increased \$81.9 million in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to:

a \$59.2 million increase in coal expense resulting from a 49.0% increase in tons of coal consumed,

an \$11.8 million increase in natural gas expense resulting from a 70.3% increase in decatherms of natural gas consumed and a 27.4% increase in the average price of natural gas per decatherm and

a \$10.9 million increase in lime and other fuel expenses related to the operation of Scrubbers.

Fuel expense increased \$207.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to:

a \$168.0 million increase in coal expense resulting from a 31.6% increase in tons of coal consumed and a 7.6% increase in the average cost of coal per ton,

a \$22.0 million increase in lime and other fuel expenses related to the operation of Scrubbers and

a \$17.5 million increase in natural gas expense resulting from a 70.0% increase in decatherms of natural gas consumed and a 22.3% increase in the average price of natural gas per decatherm.

*Operations and Maintenance:* Operations and maintenance expenses include salaries and wages, employee benefits, materials and supplies, contract work, outside services and other expenses. Operations and maintenance expenses were as follows:

		Three Months Ended September 30,		nths Ended
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Operations and maintenance	\$70.2	\$50.2	\$188.8	\$201.0

Operations and maintenance expenses increased \$20.0 million in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to increased costs associated with the timing of special maintenance and expenses related to AE's proposed Merger with FirstEnergy.

Operations and maintenance expenses decreased \$12.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to decreased costs associated with the timing of special maintenance, partially offset by expenses related to AE's proposed Merger with FirstEnergy.

Allegheny expects to incur higher special maintenance expenditures during the fourth quarter of 2010 compared to the fourth quarter of 2009.

**Depreciation and Amortization:** Depreciation and amortization expenses were as follows:

	Three Mon	Three Months Ended September 30,		ths Ended
	Septem			iber 30,
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Depreciation and amortization	\$32.4	\$28.5	\$97.0	\$76.2

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased \$3.9 million in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to net property, plant and equipment additions.

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased \$20.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to the depreciation of Scrubber equipment that was placed into service in June 2009 at the Hatfield's Ferry generating facility.

*Taxes Other Than Income Taxes:* Taxes other than income taxes primarily includes business and occupation taxes, payroll taxes and property taxes. Taxes other than income taxes were as follows:

	Three Mor	Three Months Ended		ths Ended
	September 30,		September 30,	
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Taxes other than income taxes	\$12.3	\$12.4	\$38.4	\$33.7

Taxes other than income taxes increased \$4.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to a tax refund received during 2009.

## **Interest Expense**

Interest expense was as follows:

Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
September 30,	September 30,

## (In millions)

	2010	2009	2010	2009
Interest expense	\$40.5	\$46.5	\$112.9	\$84.4

Interest expense decreased \$6.0 million in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to decreased average outstanding debt resulting from AE Supply's July 2010 redemption of \$150.5 million of medium term notes and lower debt redemption expenses. These decreases were partially offset by higher average interest rates and decreased capitalized interest expense resulting from capital projects that were completed and placed into service, including the Scrubber equipment at the Hatfield's Ferry generating facility.

Interest expense increased \$28.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to decreased capitalized interest expense resulting from capital projects that were completed and placed into service, including the Scrubber equipment at the Hatfield's Ferry generating facility, and higher average interest rates. These increases were partially offset by lower interest expense from decreased average outstanding debt as a result of AE Supply's July 2010 note redemption and lower debt redemption expenses.

See Note 9, "Common Stock and Debt" to Allegheny's consolidated financial statements for additional information.

## **Income Tax Expense**

Income tax expense of \$26.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 resulted in an effective tax rate of 29.8%. Income tax expense for the three months ended September 30, 2010 was lower than the income tax expense calculated at the federal statutory tax rate of 35%, primarily due to a reduction in unrecognized tax benefits that decreased the rate by 9.0%, partially offset by the effect of state income taxes.

Income tax expense of \$20.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 resulted in an effective tax rate of 33.6%. Income tax expense for the three months ended September 30, 2009 was lower than the income tax expense calculated at the federal statutory tax rate of 35%, primarily due to a reduction in unrecognized tax benefits, partially offset by the effect of state income taxes.

Income tax expense of \$83.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 resulted in an effective tax rate of 34.0%. Income tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was lower than the income tax expense calculated at the federal statutory tax rate of 35%, primarily due to a reduction in unrecognized tax benefits that decreased the rate by 2.5%, partially offset by the effect of state income taxes.

Income tax expense of \$110.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 resulted in an effective tax rate of 39.8%. Income tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was higher than the income tax expense calculated at the federal statutory tax rate of 35%, primarily due to the effect of state income taxes.

#### REGULATED OPERATIONS SEGMENT

Selected financial results for the Regulated Operations segment were as follows:

		Three Months Ended September 30,		ths Ended aber 30,
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Operating revenues	\$878.0	\$729.2	\$2,634.3	\$2,309.6
Operating income	\$124.7	\$98.4	\$385.1	\$313.6
Income before income taxes	\$87.0	\$64.1	\$272.1	\$209.0

The performance of Allegheny's Regulated Operations segment is significantly impacted by customer demand for electricity, regulatory ratemaking actions and the progress of transmission expansion projects. Retail electricity sales, including sales by Potomac Edison's Virginia distribution business, which was sold June 1, 2010, were as follows:

	Three Mor	iths Ended			Nine Mon	ths Ended		
	Septem	iber 30,			Septem	iber 30,		
	2010	2009	Change	e	2010	2009	Change	<u> </u>
Retail electricity sales (million kWhs)	10,602	10,277	3.2	%	32,225	31,533	2.2	%

Retail electricity sales, excluding sales by Potomac Edison's Virginia distribution business, which was sold on June 1, 2010, were as follows:

	Three Mor	ths Ended		Nine Mon	ths Ended			
	September 30,			September 30,		September 30,		
	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change		
Retail electricity sales (million kWhs)–excluding Virginia distribution business								
C .	10,602	9,552	11.0 %	30,943	29,325	5.5 %		

In addition to retail electricity sales, management monitors the performance of the Regulated Operations segment based in part on certain statistical information including the following:

	Three Mo	nths Ended			Nine Mor	ths Ended		
	Septen	nber 30,			Septen	nber 30,		
	2010	2009	Chang	ge	2010	2009	Change	<u>e</u>
Revenue per MWh sold (a)	\$78.45	\$71.97	9.0	%	\$78.65	\$72.82	8.0	%

O&M per MWh sold (b)								
	\$11.14	\$9.58	16.3	%	\$11.55	\$9.90	16.7	%
HDD (c)								
	50	54	(7.4	)%	3,197	3,343	(4.4	)%
CDD (c)								
	818	549	49.0	%	1,202	813	47.8	%
kWhs generated (million kWhs) (d)								
	3,159	1,363	131.8	%	8,247	6,306	30.8	%

<sup>(</sup>a) This measure is calculated by dividing total revenues from retail sales of electricity by retail electricity sales.

Heating degree-days ("HDD") and cooling degree-days ("CDD"). The operations of the Distribution Companies are weather sensitive. Weather conditions directly influence the volume of electricity delivered by the Distribution Companies, representing one of several factors that impact the volume of electricity delivered. Accordingly, deviations in weather from normal levels can affect Allegheny's financial performance. Degree-day data is used to estimate amounts of energy required to maintain comfortable indoor temperature levels based on each day's average temperature. HDD is the measure of the variation in the weather based on the extent to which the average daily temperature falls below 65° Fahrenheit, and CDD is the measure of the variation in the weather based on the extent to which the average daily temperature

<sup>(</sup>b) This measure is calculated by dividing total O&M, excluding O&M related to transmission expansion, which is recovered in formula rates, by retail electricity sales measured in MWhs.

rises above 65° Fahrenheit. Each degree of temperature above 65° Fahrenheit is counted as one cooling degree-day, and each degree of temperature below 65° Fahrenheit is counted as one heating degree-day. HDD and CDD are most likely to impact the usage of Allegheny's residential and commercial customers. Industrial customers are less weather sensitive. Normal HDD for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were 93 and 3,532, respectively. Normal CDD for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were 587 and 802, respectively.

(d) Represents kWhs generated by Monongahela's regulated generation facilities.

Impact on earnings–Transmission Expansion. Capital expenditures on the PATH project, the TrAIL project and other transmission expansion projects are continuing. Increased capital spending on these projects directly impacts earnings. Income before income tax relating to transmission expansion increased \$9.2 million and \$32.5 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, and net income attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc. relating to transmission expansion increased \$5.8 million and \$20.5 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009.

# **Operating Revenues**

Regulated Operations' revenues were as follows:

		Three Months Ended September 30,		ths Ended ber 30,
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Retail electric:				
Generation and ancillary	\$623.6	\$553.8	\$1,917.7	\$1,716.0
Transmission	29.5	28.5	90.6	88.8
Distribution	178.6	157.4	526.2	491.3
Total retail electric	831.7	739.7	2,534.5	2,296.1
Transmission services and bulk power:				
PJM revenue, net	(24.3)	(59.6)	(104.7)	(126.0)
Warrior Run generation revenue	13.5	10.6	48.1	37.7

Transmission and other				
	48.5	29.2	128.2	72.0
Total transmission services and bulk power				
Total transmission services and outk power	37.7	(19.8)	71.6	(16.3)
Other				
	8.6	9.3	28.2	29.8
Total operating revenues	<b>*</b> • • • •	<b>4-40</b>	<b>** ** ** * * * * * * </b>	
	\$878.0	\$729.2	\$2,634.3	\$2,309.6

Total operating revenues increased \$148.8 million in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to a \$92.0 million increase in retail electric revenues and a \$57.5 million increase in transmission services and bulk power revenues.

Total operating revenues increased \$324.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to a \$238.4 million increase in retail electric revenues and an \$87.9 million increase in transmission services and bulk power revenues.

#### Retail Electric

Retail electric revenues increased \$92.0 million in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to:

a \$34.7 million increase resulting from higher generation rates charged to Pennsylvania customers,

a \$24.9 million increase related to a January 2010 fuel and purchased power costs rate adjustment in West Virginia,

an approximately \$10 million increase related to a June 2010 base rate increase in West Virginia and

increased revenues resulting from an 11.0% increase in MWhs sold, excluding MWhs sold by the Virginia distribution business.

Retail electric revenues increased \$238.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to:

a \$103.1 million increase resulting from higher generation rates charged to Pennsylvania customers,

an \$79.7 million increase related to a January 2010 fuel and purchased power costs rate adjustment in West Virginia,

an approximately \$10 million increase related to a June 2010 base rate increase in West Virginia and

increased revenues resulting from a 5.5% increase in MWhs sold, excluding MWhs sold by the Virginia distribution business.

#### Transmission Services and Bulk Power

Transmission services and bulk power revenues increased \$57.5 million and \$87.9 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to returns earned on construction work in progress ("CWIP") on transmission expansion projects and increased PJM revenue, net resulting from increased sales of electricity into PJM at higher prices by Allegheny's regulated generation facilities, partially offset by increased purchases of electricity from PJM at higher prices to serve power supply contracts.

## **Operating Expenses**

*Fuel:* Fuel expense represents the cost of coal, natural gas, oil, lime and other materials consumed in the generation of power, as well as emission allowances, fuel handling and residual disposal costs. Fuel expense was as follows:

		Three Months Ended September 30,		nths Ended nber 30,
nillions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
	\$ 90.2	\$ 36.8	\$239.3	\$173.6

Fuel expense increased \$53.4 million in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2009, primarily resulting from a 155.5% increase in tons of coal consumed.

Fuel expense increased \$65.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to:

a \$58.8 million increase in coal expense resulting from a 30.3% increase in tons of coal consumed and a 5.5% increase in the average cost of coal per ton and

a \$6.8 million increase in lime and other fuel expenses resulting from operation of Scrubbers at the Fort Martin generating facility, which were placed into service during the fourth quarter of 2009.

**Purchased Power and Transmission:** Purchased power and transmission expense represents power purchased from AE Supply and third-party suppliers, including purchases from qualifying facilities under PURPA. Purchased power and transmission expense was as follows:

		Three Months Ended September 30,		ths Ended
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Purchased power and transmission	\$422.9	\$417.5	\$1,358.9	\$1,280.9

Purchased power and transmission expense increased \$5.4 million and \$78.0 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to higher generation rates paid under the terms of a power supply agreement between West Penn and AE Supply and higher customer demand, partially offset by decreased purchased power resulting from the June 1, 2010 sale of Potomac Edison's Virginia distribution business.

**Deferred Energy Costs, net:** Deferred energy costs, net represent an adjustment of actual costs incurred during the period for amounts that are expected to be charged or credited to customers in rates in a future period under a regulatory mechanism. The components of deferred energy costs were as follows:

		onths Ended mber 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
ENEC related costs	\$ 18.6	\$(8.8)	\$ 39.3	\$(31.5)
AES Warrior Run PURPA generation	(2.6 )	(2.0 )	(3.7)	(6.5)
Market-based generation and other costs	1.7	(3.5)	(7.6 )	(0.9 )
Deferred energy costs, net	\$ 17.7	\$(14.3_)	\$ 28.0	\$(38.9)

ENEC Costs. Under the annual ENEC method of recovering net power supply costs in West Virginia, including fuel costs, purchased power costs and other related expenses, net of related revenue and interest earnings on the Fort Martin Scrubber project escrow fund, Monongahela and Potomac Edison track actual costs and revenues for under and/or over-recoveries, and generally file requests for revised ENEC rates on an annual basis. Any under-recovery and/or over-recovery of costs, net of related revenues, is deferred, for subsequent recovery or refund, as a regulatory asset or regulatory liability, with the corresponding impact on the consolidated statements of income reflected in "Deferred energy costs, net."

AES Warrior Run PURPA Generation. To satisfy certain of its obligations under PURPA, Potomac Edison entered into a long-term contract beginning July 1, 2000 to purchase capacity and energy from the AES Warrior Run PURPA generation facility through the beginning of 2030. Potomac Edison is authorized by the Maryland PSC to recover all contract costs from the AES Warrior Run PURPA generation facility, net of any revenues received from the sale of AES Warrior Run output into the wholesale energy market, by means of a retail revenue surcharge. Any under-recovery or over-recovery of net costs is being deferred pending subsequent recovery from, or return to, customers through adjustments to this surcharge.

Market-based Generation and Other Costs. Potomac Edison is authorized by the Maryland PSC to recover the costs of the generation component of power sold to certain residential, commercial and industrial customers that did not choose a third-party alternative generation provider. A regulatory asset or liability is recorded on Potomac Edison's balance sheet for any under-recovery or over-recovery of the generation component of costs charged to these customers. In addition, under an order by the Virginia PSC, Potomac Edison was permitted a rate adjustment to recover a portion of any increased purchased power costs. Following the June 1, 2010 sale of Potomac Edison's Virginia distribution business, the Cooperatives became responsible for providing power to customers in Virginia. See Note 4, "Sale of Virginia Distribution Business" to Allegheny's consolidated financial statements for additional information.

*Gain on Sale of Virginia distribution business:* The June 1, 2010 sale of Potomac Edison's Virginia distribution business resulted in a \$45.1 million pre-tax gain. See Note 4, "Sale of Virginia Distribution Business" to Allegheny's consolidated financial statements for additional information.

*Operations and Maintenance:* Operations and maintenance expenses primarily include salaries and wages, employee benefits, materials and supplies, contract work, outside services and other expenses. Operations and maintenance expenses were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Operations and maintenance	\$127.3	\$102.5	\$388.7	\$322.2

Operations and maintenance expenses increased \$24.8 million in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to:

- a \$7.8 million increase relating to energy efficiency program costs, which are recovered in customer rates,
- a \$5.6 million increase from restore service costs resulting from severe storms and

expenses related to AE's proposed Merger with FirstEnergy.

Operations and maintenance expenses increased \$66.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to

increased restore service costs resulting from severe storms, net of the \$8.9 million credit recorded during the second quarter of 2010 for West Virginia storm costs that are permitted to be recovered under the June 2010 West Virginia rate order,

increased costs relating to energy efficiency programs, which are recovered in customer rates,

a \$7.2 million charge recorded during the first quarter of 2010 due to an adjustment to the OPEB liability and

expenses related to AE's proposed Merger with FirstEnergy.

**Depreciation and Amortization:** Depreciation and amortization expenses were as follows:

	Three Months September		Nine Montl Septemb	
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009

Depreciation and amortization				
	\$ 49.2	\$ 43 3	\$145.9	\$132.2

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased \$5.9 million and \$13.7 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to the depreciation of Scrubbers at the Fort Martin generating facility, which were placed into service during the fourth quarter of 2009.

*Taxes Other Than Income Taxes:* Taxes other than income taxes primarily includes business and occupation taxes, payroll taxes, gross receipts taxes and property taxes. Taxes other than income taxes were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,			ths Ended
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Taxes other than income taxes	\$ 46.0	\$ 45.0	\$133.5	\$126.0

Taxes other than income taxes increased \$1.0 million in the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to increased gross receipts taxes in Pennsylvania resulting from higher taxable revenues during 2010.

Taxes other than income taxes increased \$7.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to increased gross receipts taxes in Pennsylvania resulting from higher taxable revenues during 2010, partially offset by decreased West Virginia business and occupation taxes.

## Other Income (Expense), net

Other income (expense), net was as follows:

		onths Ended mber 30,		nths Ended nber 30,
(In millions)		2009	2010	2009
Other income (expense), net	\$ 6.4	\$ 4.5	\$ 16.9	\$ 13.2

Other income (expense), net increased \$1.9 million and \$3.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to equity earnings related to Allegheny's investment in PATH WV.

## **Interest Expense**

Interest expense was as follows:

		Three Months Ended September 30,		nths Ended
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Interest expense	\$ 44.1	\$ 38.8	\$129.9	\$117.8

Interest expense increased \$5.3 million and \$12.1 million in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to increased net borrowings by TrAIL Company, partially offset by lower interest expense related to the repayment of \$110 million of medium-term notes by Monongahela in January 2010. See Note 9, "Common Stock and Debt" to Allegheny's consolidated financial statements for additional information.

## **Income Tax Expense**

Income tax expense of \$32.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 resulted in an effective tax rate of 36.7%. Income tax expense for the three months ended September 30, 2010 was higher than the income tax expense calculated at the federal statutory tax rate of 35%, primarily due to the effect of state income taxes.

Income tax expense of \$24.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 resulted in an effective tax rate of 38.9%. Income tax expense for the three months ended September 30, 2009 was higher than the income tax expense calculated at the federal statutory tax rate of 35%, primarily due to the effect of state income taxes.

Income tax expense of \$104.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 resulted in an effective tax rate of 38.4%. Income tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was higher than the income tax expense calculated at the federal statutory tax rate of 35%, primarily due to the effect of state income taxes.

Income tax expense of \$85.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 resulted in an effective tax rate of 40.7%. Income tax expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 was higher than the income tax expense calculated at the federal statutory tax rate of 35%, primarily due to the effect of state income taxes.

# **Transmission Expansion**

The Regulated Operations segment includes the operations of TrAIL Company and PATH Allegheny, as well as Allegheny's interest in PATH-WV. TrAIL Company, PATH-Allegheny and PATH-WV are subject to regulation of rates by FERC for amounts billed through PJM. FERC has approved the use of a formula rate methodology for recovery of all prudently incurred operations and maintenance expenses and a return on debt and equity for all capital expenditures in connection with the TrAIL and PATH projects based on a hypothetical 50% debt and 50% equity capital structure until the transmission facilities are placed into service, as well as an income tax allowance. The actual capital structure for each company will be reflected in the formula rate once the transmission facilities are placed into service. TrAIL Company, PATH-Allegheny and PATH-WV recognize revenue based on allowable costs incurred and return earned. Therefore, revenues and operating income are expected to increase as the projects progress. The results of operations and selected balance sheet information related to transmission expansion were as follows:

		Three Months Ended September 30,		nths Ended nber 30,
(In millions)	2010	2009	2010	2009
Results of operations:				
Operating revenues	\$ 40.1	\$ 24.8	\$109.3	\$ 57.0
Operations and maintenance	3.9	4.3	11.9	10.9
Depreciation and amortization	1.4	1.0	3.7	3.0
Taxes other than income taxes	0.5	1.1	1.6	1.5
Total operating expenses	5.8	6.4	17.2	15.4
Operating income	34.3	18.4	92.1	41.6
Other income (expense), net	1.8	0.8	4.8	1.8
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	9.6	1.9	25.3	4.3
Income before income taxes	26.5	17.3	71.6	39.1

•	10.8	7.0	28.7	15.9
Net income				
	15.7	10.3	42.9	23.2
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest				
	0	(0.4)	0	(0.8)
Net income attributable to Allegheny Energy, Inc.				
	<u>\$ 15.7</u>	<u>\$ 9.9</u>	<u>\$42.9</u>	\$ 22.4
(I		Septeml	nor 30	December 31,
(In millions)				2009
Balance sheet information:				
Property, plant and equipment, net				
1 3/1 1 1		\$ 1,179	0.6	\$ 825.3
Total assets				
		\$ 1,384	1.5	\$ 922.5
Long-term debt				
		\$ 738.5	5	\$ 455.0

Income tax expense

As described in Note 17, "Variable Interest Entities," effective January 1, 2010, Allegheny began to account for its investment in PATH WV using the equity method of accounting in place of its prior consolidation method of accounting. At December 31, 2009, Allegheny's consolidated balance sheet included property, plant and equipment of PATH WV in the amount of \$35.8 million, cash and cash equivalents of \$3.4 million and noncontrolling interest related to AEP's ownership of approximately \$14.9 million. At September 30, 2010, Allegheny's consolidated balance sheet included Allegheny's investment in PATH WV on the equity method of accounting in the amount of \$21.7 million. Allegheny's consolidated statement of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 included other income of \$1.0 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, representing Allegheny's 50% equity in the pre-tax earnings of PATH WV. Allegheny's consolidated statement of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 included revenues of \$3.2 million and \$7.7 million, respectively, operating income of \$1.4 million and \$3.0 million, respectively, and net income attributable to noncontrolling interest of \$0.4 million, respectively.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Requirements**

To meet cash needs for operating expenses, the payment of interest, pension contributions, retirement of debt and construction programs, Allegheny has historically used internally generated funds (net cash provided by operations less common dividends) and external financings, including the sale of common and preferred stock, debt instruments and lease arrangements.

At September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, Allegheny had cash and cash equivalents of \$463.6 million and \$286.6 million, respectively, and current restricted funds of \$14.3 million and \$25.9 million, respectively. Current restricted funds at September 30, 2010 were comprised of environmental control charges collected from West Virginia customers. Current restricted funds at December 31, 2009 were comprised of environmental control charges and intangible transition charges collected from West Penn customers. In addition, at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, Allegheny had long-term restricted funds of \$31.6 million and \$60.2 million, respectively. Long-term restricted funds primarily related to proceeds remaining from the issuance of environmental control bonds.

See Note 9, "Common Stock and Debt," to Allegheny's consolidated financial statements for a summary of Allegheny's debt. At September 30, 2010, AE, AE Supply, Monongahela, Potomac Edison, West Penn and TrAIL Company had in place revolving credit facilities as follows:

(Dollar amounts in millions)	Total			Letters of	Available
	Matures	Capacity	Borrowed	Credit Issued	Capacity
AE					
	2013	\$250.0	\$0	\$ 3.1	\$246.9
AE Supply					
	2012	1,000.0	0	0	1,000.0
Monongahela					
	2012	110.0	0	0	110.0
Potomac Edison					
	2013	150.0	0	0	150.0
West Penn					
	2013	200.0	15.0	0	185.0
TrAIL Company					
	2013	450.0	290.0	0	160.0
Total					
		\$2,160.0	\$305.0	\$ 3.1	\$1,851.9

In addition, AGC entered into a \$50 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility and borrowed \$50 million under this credit facility on October 22, 2010. See "2010 Debt Activity" below for additional information.

Allegheny posts collateral with counterparties, including PJM, for certain transactions and transmission and transportation tariffs. Approximately \$21.5 million and \$20.8 million of cash collateral deposits were included in current assets at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. Approximately \$5.1 million and \$3.1 million of cash collateral deposits were netted against derivative liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. If Allegheny's credit ratings were to decline, it may be required to deposit additional cash or cash-equivalent collateral with its hedging counterparties. See Note 11, "Fair Value Measurements, Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," to Allegheny's consolidated financial statements for additional information

regarding potential additional collateral that would have been required for derivative contracts in a net liability position at September 30, 2010.

A downgrade of AE, AE Supply and the Distribution Companies at September 30, 2010 below Standard & Poor's BB- or Moody's Ba3, would have required Allegheny to post an additional \$90 million of collateral to counterparties, including PJM, for both derivative and non-derivative contracts.

Allegheny's consolidated capital structure was as follows:

	September	September 30, 2010		31, 2009
(In millions)	Amount	<u>%</u>	Amount	<b>%</b>
Long-term debt	\$4,566.1	57.1	\$4,557.8	59.4
Allegheny Energy, Inc. common stockholders' equity	3,431.5	42.9	3,113.2	40.6
Total	\$7,997.6	100.0	\$7,671.0	100.0

# 2010 Debt Activity

Borrowings and principal repayments on debt during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were as follows:

(In millions)	Issuances	Repayments
AE:		
AE Revolving Credit Facility	\$130.1	\$130.1
AE Supply:		
Medium-Term Notes	0	150.5
TrAIL Company:		
Medium-Term Notes	450.0	0
New TrAIL Company Credit Facility-Revolver	290.0	0
TrAIL Company Credit Facility-Term Loan (a)	30.0	465.0
TrAIL Company Credit Facility-Revolver (a)	0	20.0
West Penn:		
Transition Bonds	0	16.0
Revolving Credit Facility	20.0	5.0
Monongahela:		
Medium-Term Notes	0	110.0

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#### **Potomac Edison:**

Environmental Control Bonds	0	3.7
Revolving Credit Facility	_110.0_	110.0
Consolidated Total	\$1,030.1	\$1,021.4

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents debt under TrAIL Company's previous credit facility, which was repaid and replaced in January 2010 by a new revolving credit facility, which is described below.

On January 15, 2010, Monongahela redeemed its \$110 million 7.36% medium-term notes.

On January 25, 2010, TrAIL Company issued \$450 million aggregate principal amount of 4.0% senior unsecured notes due in 2015 and also entered into a \$350 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility with a three-year maturity. The revolving credit facility was increased to \$450 million in August 2010. Borrowings under the new credit facility bear interest at a rate that is calculated based on the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a margin based on TrAIL Company's senior unsecured credit rating. Currently, the margin is 3.0%. TrAIL Company used the net proceeds from the sale of the notes, together with funds from the credit facility, to repay all amounts outstanding under the \$550 million senior unsecured credit facility that it entered into in 2008.

On May 3, 2010, Potomac Edison and West Penn entered into new \$150 million and \$200 million senior unsecured revolving credit facilities, respectively. On May 4, 2010, AE entered into a new \$250 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility. The new AE revolving credit facility replaced AE's previous \$376 million revolving credit facility, which was scheduled to mature in May 2011. The AE, Potomac Edison and West Penn credit facilities mature April 30, 2013. Loans under all three credit facilities bear interest at a rate that is calculated based on LIBOR plus a margin based on the borrower's senior unsecured credit rating. Currently, the margins are 3.0% for AE and 2.75% for Potomac Edison and West Penn. Allegheny capitalized approximately \$5.6 million in debt issuance costs related to the three credit facilities.

On July 16, 2010, AE Supply redeemed all \$150.5 million of its outstanding 7.80% Medium Term Notes due 2011 and expensed approximately \$7.3 million in redemption premiums and unamortized costs associated with the notes.

On October 22, 2010, AGC entered into a \$50 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility and borrowed \$50 million under this credit facility to pay dividends and a return of capital of \$30 million to AE Supply and \$20 million to Monongahela. The facility matures on December 31, 2013. Loans under this facility bear interest at a rate that is calculated based on LIBOR plus a margin based on AGC's senior unsecured credit rating. Currently, the margin is 2.50%.

#### Dividends

On September 27, 2010, June 21, 2010 and March 22, 2010, AE paid cash dividends on its common stock of \$0.15 per share to stockholders of record at the close of business on September 13, 2010, June 7, 2010 and March 8, 2010, respectively. On October 7, 2010, AE's Board of Directors authorized a cash dividend on its common stock of \$0.15 per share payable on December 27, 2010 to stockholders of record on December 13, 2010.

# Capital Expenditures

Actual capital expenditures for 2009 and estimated capital expenditures for 2010 and 2011 are shown on a cash basis in the following table. The scope, amounts and timing of capital projects and related expenditures are subject to continuing review and adjustment, and actual capital expenditures may vary from these estimates.

		Proje	ected
(in millions)	Actual 2009	2010	2011
Transmission and distribution:			
TrAIL and TrAIL Company projects (a)	\$455	\$501	\$109
PATH (b)	44	29	133
Smart meter procurement and installation (c)	24	19	9
Other transmission and distribution	211	229	320
Total transmission and distribution	734	778	571
Environmental:			
Fort Martin Scrubbers	161	26	0
Hatfield Scrubbers	135	21	0

	39	88	171
Total environmental			
	335	135	171
Generation projects, excluding environmental projects included above			
	82	83	60
Other			
	1	0	0
Total capital expenditures			
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<sup>(</sup>a) TrAIL has a target completion date of June 2011 and an estimated cost, excluding AFUDC, of approximately \$960 million. TrAIL Company is also engaged in other transmission projects.

## Other Matters Concerning Liquidity and Capital Requirements

Allegheny makes cash contributions to its qualified pension plan to meet the minimum funding requirements of employee benefit and tax laws and may make additional discretionary contributions to increase the funded level of the plan. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, Allegheny contributed

<sup>(</sup>b) Allegheny's share of the estimated cost of the PATH project is approximately \$1.4 billion. The PJM in-service deadline for the PATH project is June 1, 2015. Actual 2009 excludes \$14 million in capital expenditures related to AEP's portion of the West Virginia Series of PATH, LLC.

<sup>(</sup>c) Consists of expenditures related to Allegheny's procurement and installation of smart meters to comply with Pennsylvania's Act 129. See "Regulatory Framework Affecting Allegheny" for additional information, including West Penn's current plans to decelerate its previous smart meter deployment schedule.

\$65.0 million to its qualified pension plan and \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, to its supplemental executive retirement plan. Allegheny made approximately \$0.7 million and \$4.3 million in contributions to its postretirement benefit plans other than pension plans during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010.

During October 2010, Allegheny contributed an additional \$12 million to its qualified pension plan and does not expect to make any additional contributions to this plan during the remainder of 2010. Allegheny expects to contribute approximately \$0.8 million to fund postretirement benefits other than pensions during the fourth quarter of 2010.

Allegheny made matching contributions in cash to its Employee Stock Ownership and Savings Plan in the amount of \$2.2 million and \$2.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$6.9 million and \$6.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. These contributions, less amounts capitalized in CWIP, were expensed. The capitalized portions of these costs were \$0.7 million for each of the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$2.0 million and \$2.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Allegheny has various obligations and commitments to make future cash payments under debt instruments, lease arrangements, fuel and transportation agreements and other contracts. See Note 18, "Commitments and Contingencies," to Allegheny's consolidated financial statements for additional information.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

AE has no off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future material effect on its financial condition, revenues, expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

#### **Cash Flows**

## **Operating Activities**

Allegheny's cash flows from operating activities result primarily from the generation, sale and delivery of electricity. Future cash flows could be affected by, among other factors, the economy, weather, customer choice, future regulatory proceedings and future demand and market prices for energy, as well as Allegheny's ability to produce and supply its customers with power at competitive prices. Cash flows from operating activities are summarized as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(In millions)	2010	2009
Net income	\$323.5	\$284.3
Non-cash items included in income	457.5	369.2
Contributions to pension and other postretirement plans	(69.6)	(45.1)
Changes in certain assets and liabilities	(64.1)	(124.7)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$647.3	\$483.7

The non-cash items included in income for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 primarily consisted of depreciation and amortization of \$241.7 million and deferred income taxes of \$189.6 million. Changes in certain assets and liabilities primarily consisted of changes in prepaid and accrued taxes of \$31.2 million, primarily as a result of timing differences associated with the payments of certain tax obligations, changes in receivables and payables of \$50.6 million, resulting from normal working capital activity, a decrease in regulatory liabilities of \$27.2 million mostly due to providing credits to Maryland customers for amounts prepaid and an increase in collateral deposits of \$27.0 million, primarily due to increased collateral requirements with

various counterparties to Allegheny's power contracts. These amounts were partially offset by a decrease in materials, supplies and fuel inventories of \$70.5 million, primarily as a result of lower consumption of coal in the previous period as compared to the current period.

The non-cash items included in income for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 primarily consisted of depreciation and amortization of \$207.0 million and deferred income taxes of \$188.5 million. Changes in certain assets and liabilities primarily consisted of an increase in materials, supplies and fuel inventories of \$85.2 million, primarily as a result of increased fuel inventory levels and higher prices, changes in accrued taxes and prepaid taxes of \$67.9 million, primarily as a result of timing differences associated with the payments of certain tax obligations, and \$44.3 million in changes in receivables and payables resulting from normal working capital activity. These amounts were partially offset by a reduction to regulatory assets of \$47.5 million, mostly as a result of the recovery of West Penn's previously earned revenues, and a reduction in collateral deposits of \$32.7 million, primarily due to reduced collateral requirements with various counterparties to Allegheny's power contracts.

#### **Investing Activities**

Cash flows from investing activities are summarized as follows:

		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(In millions)	2010	2009	
Capital expenditures	\$(726.6)	\$(870.1)	
Proceeds from sale of Virginia distribution business	317.2	0	
Decrease in restricted funds	40.2	131.0	
Deconsolidation of PATH WV	(3.4 )	0	
Other investments	(4.0 )	(3.6 )	
Net cash used in investing activities	\$(376.6)	\$(742.7)	

Cash flows used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were \$376.6 million and primarily consisted of \$726.6 million of capital expenditures, partially offset by the \$317.2 million in proceeds received from the sale of Potomac Edison's Virginia distribution business.

Cash flows used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 were \$742.7 million and primarily consisted of \$870.1 million of capital expenditures, partially offset by a \$131.0 million decrease in restricted funds, primarily due to the use of restricted funds associated with the Fort Martin Scrubber project to pay for construction costs associated with that ongoing project.

## Financing Activities

Cash flows from financing activities are summarized as follows:

2009

\$709.2

(438.3)

(21.6)

6.9

(6.4

1.6

(76.2)

\$175.2

0.8

(76.3

(0.2)

\$(93.7

# Issuance of long-term debt Repayment of long-term debt Costs associated with a new AE Supply revolving credit facility Equity contribution to PATH, LLC by a joint venture partner 0 Payments on capital lease obligations (8.3 )

Proceeds from exercise of employee stock options

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities

Cash dividends paid on common stock

Other

Cash flows used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 were \$93.7 million and primarily consisted of \$1,021.4 million in various debt repayments, and \$76.3 million of cash dividends paid on common stock, partially offset by \$1,011.8 million from borrowings primarily under TrAIL Company's Medium-Term Notes and the revolving credit facilities for AE, TrAIL Company, Potomac Edison and West Penn Power.

Cash flows provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 were \$175.2 million and primarily consisted of \$709.2 million from borrowings primarily under TrAIL Company's term loan and AE Supply's credit facility, partially offset by \$438.3 million in various debt repayments, and \$76.2 million of cash dividends paid on common stock.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

A summary of critical accounting policies is included under Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," in the 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Allegheny's critical accounting policies have not changed materially from those reported in the 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 3, "Recently Adopted and Recently Issued Accounting Standards" in Allegheny's Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included herein for a summary of recently adopted and recently issued accounting standards that will impact Allegheny.

#### REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AFFECTING ALLEGHENY

The interstate transmission services and wholesale power sales of the Distribution Companies, TrAIL Company, PATH, LLC, AE Supply and AGC are regulated by FERC under the FPA. The Distribution Companies' local distribution service and sales at the retail level are subject to state regulation. In addition, Allegheny is subject to numerous other local, state and federal laws, regulations and rules. See Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in the 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K and Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in this report.

## **Federal Regulation and Rate Matters**

# FERC, Competition and RTOs

Allegheny's generation and transmission businesses are significantly influenced by the actions of FERC through policies, regulations and orders issued pursuant to the FPA. The FPA gives FERC exclusive jurisdiction over the rates, terms and conditions of wholesale sales and transmission of electricity in interstate commerce. Entities, such as the Distribution Companies, TrAIL Company, the operating subsidiaries of PATH, LLC, AE Supply and AGC, that sell electricity at wholesale or own or operate transmission facilities are subject to FERC jurisdiction and must file their rates, terms and conditions for such sales or services with FERC. Rates for wholesale sales of electricity may be either cost-based or market-based. Rates for use of transmission facilities are determined on a cost basis.

FERC's authority under the FPA, as it pertains to Allegheny's generation and transmission businesses, also includes, but is not limited to: licensing of hydroelectricity projects; transmission interconnections with other electric facilities; transfers of public utility property; mergers, acquisitions and consolidation of public utility systems and companies; issuance of certain securities and assumption of certain liabilities; accounting and methods of depreciation; transmission reliability; siting of certain transmission facilities; allocation of transmission rights; relationships between holding companies and their public utility affiliates; availability of

books and records; and holding of a director or officer position at more than one public utility or specified company.

FERC's policies, regulations and orders encourage competition among wholesale sellers of electricity. To support competition, FERC requires public utilities that own transmission facilities to make such facilities available on a non-discriminatory, open-access basis and to comply with standards of conduct that prevent transmission-owning utilities from giving their affiliated sellers of electricity preferential access to the transmission system and to transmission information. To further competition, FERC encourages transmission-owning utilities to participate in RTOs such as PJM, by transferring functional control over their transmission facilities to RTOs.

All of Allegheny's generation assets and power supply obligations are located within the PJM market, and PJM maintains functional control over the transmission facilities owned by the Distribution Companies and TrAIL Company. PJM operates a competitive wholesale electricity market and coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity in all or parts of Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. PJM is also responsible for developing and implementing the RTEP for the PJM region to ensure reliability of the electric grid and to promote market efficiency. In addition, PJM determines the requirements for, and manages the process of, interconnecting new and expanded generation facilities to the grid. Changes in the PJM tariff, operating agreement, policies and/or market rules could adversely affect Allegheny's financial results. See Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in the 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Transmission Rate Design. FERC actions with respect to the transmission rate design within PJM may impact the Distribution Companies. Beginning in July 2003, FERC issued a series of orders related to transmission rate design for the PJM and Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (the "Midwest ISO") regions. Specifically, FERC ordered the elimination of multiple and additive (i.e., "pancaked") rates and called for the implementation of a long-term rate design for these regions. In November 2004, FERC rejected long-term regional rate proposals, concluding that neither the rate design proposals nor the existing PJM rate design had been shown to be just and reasonable. FERC ordered the continuation of the existing PJM zonal "license plate" rate design and the implementation of a transition charge for these regions during a 16-month transition period commencing on December 1, 2004 and ending on March 31, 2006. On May 21, 2010, FERC denied all requests for rehearing with regard to transmission rate design within the PJM region. A petition for review of this order and the underlying orders has been filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Allegheny cannot predict the outcome of this proceeding or whether it will have a material impact on its business or financial position.

During the now-expired transition period, the Distribution Companies were both payers and payees of transition charges. Following the evidentiary hearing, an administrative law judge issued an initial decision finding the methodologies used to develop the transition charges to be deficient. On May 21, 2010, FERC issued an order on the initial decision, which reversed in part and affirmed in part the initial decision. On August 19, 2010, the Distribution Companies and other PJM transmission owners filed tariff sheets with FERC to reflect certain adjustments in the transition charges directed by the May 21, 2010 order. Several parties have requested rehearing of the May 21, 2010 order on the initial decision and have protested the August 19, 2010 filing. Allegheny cannot predict the outcome of this proceeding or whether it will have a material impact on its business or financial position.

In April 2007, FERC issued an order addressing transmission rate design within the PJM region. In the order, FERC directed the continuation of the zonal "license plate" rate design for all existing transmission facilities within the PJM region, the allocation of costs of new, centrally-planned transmission facilities operating at or above 500 kV on a region-wide "postage stamp" or "socialized" basis, and the development of a detailed "beneficiary pays" methodology for the allocation of costs of new transmission facilities below 500 kV. Subsequently, FERC approved a detailed "beneficiary pays" methodology developed through settlement

discussions among several parties to the underlying FERC proceedings. On August 6, 2009, the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit remanded this decision to FERC for further justification with regard to the allocation of costs for new 500 kV and above transmission facilities but denied petitions for review relating to FERC's decision with regard to the pricing of existing transmission facilities. On January 21, 2010, FERC issued an order establishing a paper hearing in response to the Seventh Circuit's remand. On April 13, 2010, PJM submitted to FERC information required by the order. The Distribution Companies submitted comments in response to the information provided by PJM on May 28, 2010. Allegheny cannot predict the outcome of this proceeding or whether it will have a material impact on its business or financial position.

Under the zonal "license plate" rate design for existing transmission facilities, costs associated with such facilities are allocated on a load ratio share basis to load serving entities, such as local distribution utilities, located within the transmission owner's PJM transmission zone. As a result of this rate design, the load serving entity does not pay for the cost of transmission facilities located in other PJM transmission zones even if the load serving entity engages in transactions that rely on transmission facilities located in other zones. The region-wide "postage stamp" or "socialized" rate design for new, centrally-planned transmission facilities operating at or above 500 kV results in charging all load serving entities within the PJM region a uniform rate based on the aggregated costs of such transmission facilities within the PJM region irrespective of whether the transmission service provided to the load serving entity requires the actual use of such facilities. For the "beneficiary pays" methodology, the costs of new facilities under 500 kV are allocated to load serving entities based on a methodology that considers several factors but is not premised upon the proximity of the load serving entity to the new facilities or the zone in which the new facilities are located.

In January 2008, FERC accepted a compliance filing submitted by certain PJM and Midwest ISO transmission owners establishing the transmission pricing methodology for transactions involving transmission service originating in the PJM region or the Midwest ISO region and terminating in the other region. The methodology maintains the existing rate design for such transactions under which PJM and Midwest ISO treat transactions that source in one region and sink in the other region the same as transactions that source and sink entirely in one of the regions. These inter-regional transactions are assessed only the applicable zonal charge of the zone in which the transaction sinks and no charge is assessed in the zone of the region where the transaction originates. Judicial review of FERC's order in this matter is pending. Allegheny cannot predict the outcome of these proceedings or whether they will have a material impact on its business or financial position.

Wholesale Markets. In August 2005, PJM filed at FERC to replace its capacity market with a new Reliability Pricing Model, or "RPM," to address reliability concerns. On April 20, 2006, FERC issued an initial order that found PJM's capacity market to be unjust and unreasonable and set a process to resolve features of the RPM that needed to be analyzed further before it could determine whether the RPM is a just and reasonable capacity market process, FERC ordered the implementation of settlement procedures in this proceeding, and AE Supply and the Distribution Companies joined in a settlement agreement that was filed with the FERC on September 29, 2006. The settlement agreement created a locational capacity market in PJM, in which PJM procures needed capacity resources through auctions held three years in advance at prices and in quantities determined by an administratively established demand curve. Under the settlement agreement, capacity needs in PJM are met either through purchases made in the proposed auctions or through commitments by load serving entities ("LSEs") to self-supply their capacity needs. On December 22, 2006, FERC conditionally approved the settlement agreement, the implementation of which began with the 2007-2008 PJM planning year. Base year capacity auctions were held in April, July and October of 2007 and January and May of 2008, 2009 and 2010. On June 25, 2007 and again on November 11, 2007, FERC issued orders denying pending requests for rehearing of the December 22, 2006 order and affirming its acceptance of the RPM settlement agreement. Several parties have appealed FERC's orders approving the RPM settlement, and those appeals are currently pending at the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. On May 30, 2008, several parties naming themselves the "RPM Buyers" filed a complaint at FERC seeking a retroactive reduction in the RPM clearing prices for several RPM auctions that have already been conducted. On September 19, 2008, FERC issued an order denying the RPM Buyers' complaint. In June 2009, FERC denied requests for rehearing of the

September 19, 2008 order. The Maryland PSC and New Jersey Board of Public Utilities have appealed FERC's order denying the RPM Buyers' complaint to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which appeal remains pending.

**PJM Calculation Error.** On March 8, 2010, the Midwest ISO filed two complaints against PJM. Both complaints are related to a modeling error that PJM discovered in September 2009. PJM reported that a modeling error in its system impacted the manner in which market-to-market power flow calculations were made between PJM and the Midwest ISO. Since April 2005, PJM had incorrectly modeled the ownership of certain generation resources in its system. The generation resources in question had an impact on power flows across the PJM/ Midwest ISO border, and therefore the ownership of those resources (i.e., whether they were owned by a PJM company or a Midwest ISO company) had an impact on the way in which PJM and the Midwest ISO should have been compensated for market-to-market transactions. The Midwest ISO claims that this error resulted in PJM underpaying the Midwest ISO by approximately \$130 million over the time period in question. The first complaint seeks a refund by PJM to the Midwest ISO of \$130 million plus interest. The second complaint alleges that PJM did not properly trigger market-to-market settlements between PJM and the Midwest ISO during times when it was required to do so under the Joint Operating Agreement between the two companies. The Midwest ISO claims that PJM's failure to act as required may have cost the Midwest ISO \$5 million or more. The second complaint requests refunds of this additional amount. As PJM market participants, AE Supply and Monongahela may be liable for a portion of any refunds ordered in this case. PJM, Allegheny and other PJM market participants filed responses to the Midwest ISO complaints on April 12, 2010 denying any liability. In its response Allegheny argued that even if PJM had in fact committed an error that impacted market-to-market settlements there were both legal and equitable reasons why FERC should decline to order any refunds be paid. Also on April 12, PJM filed a related complaint against the Midwest ISO claiming that the Midwest ISO improperly called for market-to-market settlements several times during the same time period covered by the two Midwest ISO complaints, PJM claims these improper actions by the Midwest ISO may have cost the PJM market participants \$25 million or more. On June 29, 2010, FERC issued an initial order on the complaints. FERC's order consolidated all three of the pending complaints and set all disputed issues for hearing. The June 29th order did not resolve any of the issues in dispute. The hearings required by the June 29th order will be held in abeyance while parties engage in FERC sponsored settlement discussions. A full evidentiary hearing on the substance of the complaints will be held if settlement cannot be achieved. Allegheny intends to participate in the FERC ordered settlement discussions and any subsequent hearings but cannot predict their outcome.

**Reliability Standards.** The Energy Policy Act amended the FPA to, among other matters, provide FERC with the authority to oversee the establishment and enforcement of mandatory reliability standards designed to assure the reliable operation of the bulk power system. FERC certified NERC as the Electric Reliability Organization responsible for developing and enforcing continent-wide reliability standards. NERC has established, and the FERC has approved, reliability standards that impose certain operating, record-keeping and reporting requirements on the Distribution Companies, TrAIL Company, PATH, LLC, AE Supply and AGC.

While NERC is charged with establishing and enforcing appropriate reliability standards, it has delegated its day-to-day implementation and enforcement to eight regional oversight entities, including ReliabilityFirst Corporation ("ReliabilityFirst"). These regional oversight entities are responsible for developing regional reliability standards that are consistent with NERC's standards. Each regional entity has its own compliance program designed to monitor, assess and enforce compliance with the applicable reliability standards through compliance audits, self-reporting and exception reporting mechanisms, self certifications, compliance violation investigations, periodic data submissions and complaint processes. Allegheny is a member of ReliabilityFirst, participates in the NERC and ReliabilityFirst stakeholder processes and monitors and manages its operations in response to the ongoing development, implementation and enforcement of relevant reliability standards. Allegheny has been, and will continue to be, subject to routine audits with respect to its compliance with applicable reliability standards and has settled certain related issues. In addition, ReliabilityFirst is currently conducting several investigations with regard to matters that have been self-reported by Allegheny. The results of these proceedings and investigations have not had, and are not expected to have, a material impact on Allegheny's operations or the results thereof. See Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in the 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

# Transmission Expansion

*TrAIL Project.* TrAIL is a new, 500 kV transmission line currently under construction that will extend from southwest Pennsylvania through West Virginia and into northern Virginia. TrAIL is scheduled to be completed and placed in service no later than June 2011.

*PATH Project.* The PATH project is comprised of a 765 kV transmission line that is proposed to extend from West Virginia through Virginia and into Maryland, modifications to an existing substation in Putnam County, West Virginia and the construction of new substations in Hardy County, West Virginia and Frederick County, Maryland. PJM initially authorized the construction of PATH in June 2007 and, on June 17, 2010, requested that PATH, LLC proceed with all efforts related to the PATH project, including state regulatory proceedings, assuming a required in-service date of June 1, 2015. Applications requesting authorization to construct the PATH project are currently pending before state commissions in West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia. Allegheny anticipates that decisions by the state commissions on these applications will be issued during the third quarter of 2011.

Allegheny and a subsidiary of AEP formed PATH, LLC to facilitate the construction of the PATH project. In December 2007, PATH, LLC submitted a filing to FERC under Section 205 of the FPA to implement a cost of service formula rate effective March 1, 2008. On February 29, 2008, FERC issued an order setting the formula rate and its protocols for hearing and authorizing a return on equity of 14.3%, a return on CWIP, recovery of prudently incurred start-up business and administrative costs incurred prior to the time the rates go into effect, and recovery of prudently incurred development and construction costs if the PATH project is abandoned as a result of factors beyond the control of PATH, LLC. In December 2008, PATH, LLC submitted to FERC a settlement with the active parties that resolves all issues set for hearing. The return on equity was not included in the settlement because it was authorized by the February 29, 2008 order and not set for hearing. FERC action on the settlement and requests for rehearing of the February 29, 2008 order with respect to return on equity are pending.

## **PURPA**

The Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA") requires electric utility companies, such as the Distribution Companies, to interconnect with, provide back-up electric service to and purchase electric capacity and energy from qualifying small power production and cogeneration facilities. However, as a result of changes in the FPA arising out of the Energy Policy Act, electric utilities are no longer required to enter into any new contractual obligation to purchase energy from a qualifying facility if FERC finds that the facility has non-discriminatory access to a functioning wholesale market and open-access transmission.

For 2009, the Distribution Companies committed to purchase 479 MWs of qualifying PURPA capacity, and PURPA expense pursuant to these contracts totaled approximately \$230.6 million. The average cost to the Distribution Companies of these power purchases was 6.8 cents/kWh. In December 2009, AE Supply purchased Allegheny Lock and Dam Nos. 5 & 6, which together have a total capacity of 13 MWs. Previously, the Distribution Companies had purchased power generated by these facilities pursuant to PURPA contracts. Consequently, the Distribution Companies have committed to purchase 466 MWs of qualifying PURPA capacity for 2010. The Distribution Companies are currently authorized to recover substantially all of these costs in their retail rates. The Distribution Companies' obligations to purchase power from qualified PURPA projects in the future may exceed amounts they are authorized to recover from their customers, which could result in losses related to the PURPA contracts.

## **State Rate Regulation**

## Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania's Electricity Generation Customer Choice and Competition Act (the "Customer Choice Act"), which was enacted in 1996, gave all retail electricity customers in Pennsylvania the right to choose their electricity generation supplier as of January 2, 2000. Under the Customer Choice Act and a subsequent

restructuring settlement (the "1998 Restructuring Settlement") approved by the Pennsylvania PUC, West Penn transferred its generation assets to AE Supply. West Penn retained its T&D assets. Under the 1998 Restructuring Settlement, West Penn is the default provider for those customers who do not choose an alternate supplier, whose alternate supplier does not deliver, or who have chosen to return to West Penn service, in each case at rates that are capped at various levels during the applicable transition period. West Penn's T&D assets are subject to traditional regulated utility ratemaking (i.e., cost-based rates).

*Merger*. On May 14, 2010, West Penn and TrAIL Company filed a joint application with FirstEnergy requesting authorization for a change of control of West Penn and TrAIL Company as the result of the proposed Merger. Pennsylvania laws impose no statutory timeframe for the Pennsylvania PUC's consideration of the merger application, but the Pennsylvania PUC is expected to complete its review in sufficient time to meet the anticipated Merger closing schedule in the first half of 2011.

On October 22, 2010, AE and FirstEnergy filed a comprehensive settlement with the Pennsylvania PUC that addresses the issues raised by 18 parties to the merger proceedings in Pennsylvania. The filing includes additional commitments related to employment levels, including a five-year commitment to maintain at least 800 jobs in Greensburg and Westmoreland County for the first year after the merger closes, 675 jobs for the following 12 months, 650 jobs for the next year and 600 jobs for each of the next two years. The settlement also provides nearly \$11 million in distribution rate credits for West Penn customers, a distribution rate freeze for FirstEnergy's current Pennsylvania utility customers and support for renewable and sustainable energy and customer choice. The settlement is subject to approval by the Pennsylvania PUC and does not resolve issues raised by parties who did not join in the settlement.

Joint Petition and Extension of Generation Rate Caps. By order entered on May 11, 2005, the Pennsylvania PUC approved a Joint Petition for Settlement and for Modification of the 1998 Restructuring Settlement, as amended, among West Penn, the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, The West Penn Power Industrial Intervenors and certain other parties (the "2004 Joint Petition"). The 2004 Joint Petition extended generation rate caps for most customers from 2008 to 2010 and provided for increases in generation rates in 2007, 2009 and 2010, in addition to previously approved rate cap increases for 2006 and 2008. The order approving the 2004 Joint Petition also extended distribution rate caps from 2005 through 2007, with an additional rate cap in place for 2009 at the rate in effect on January 1, 2009. The intent of this transition plan is to gradually move generation rates closer to market prices. Rate caps on transmission services expired on December 31, 2005.

**Default Service Regulations.** In May 2007, the Pennsylvania PUC entered a Final Rulemaking Order (the "May 2007 Order") promulgating regulations defining the obligations of electric distribution companies ("EDCs"), such as West Penn, to provide generation default service to retail electric customers who do not or cannot choose service from a licensed electric generation supplier ("EGS") at the conclusion of the EDCs' restructuring transition periods. West Penn's transition period will end for the majority of its customers on December 31, 2010, when its generation rate caps expire.

The regulations promulgated by the May 2007 Order provide that the incumbent EDC will be the default service provider ("DSP") in its service territory, although the Pennsylvania PUC may reassign the default service obligation to one or more alternative DSPs when necessary for the accommodation, safety and convenience of the public. The DSP is required to file a default service plan not later than 12 months prior to the end of the applicable generation rate cap. The default service plan must identify the DSP's generation supply acquisition strategy and include a rate design plan to recover all reasonable costs of default service. The default service plan must be designed to acquire generation supply at prevailing market prices to meet the DSP's anticipated default service obligation at reasonable costs. A DSP's affiliate generation supplier may participate in the DSP's

competitive bid solicitations for generation service. DSPs will use an automatic energy adjustment clause to recover all reasonable costs of obtaining alternative energy pursuant to the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, and the DSP may use an automatic adjustment clause to recover non-alternative energy default service costs. Automatic adjustment clauses will be subject to annual review and audit by the Pennsylvania PUC.

Default service rates will be adjusted on a quarterly basis, or more frequently, for customer classes with a peak load up to 500 kW, and on a monthly basis, or more frequently, for customer classes with peak loads greater than 500 kW.

In October 2007, West Penn filed a default service plan with the Pennsylvania PUC. The Pennsylvania PUC administrative law judge entered a final order on July 25, 2008 that largely approved West Penn's proposed default service plan, including its full requirements procurement approach and rate mitigation plan. West Penn filed tariff supplements implementing the default service plan in September 2008 and January 2009. On February 6, 2009, West Penn filed a petition with the Pennsylvania PUC requesting approval to advance the first series of default service procurements for residential customers from June 2009 to April 2009 to take advantage of a downturn in market prices for power. West Penn's petition was approved by the Pennsylvania PUC in March 2009, and West Penn began to conduct advanced procurements in April 2009. West Penn has procured 80% of the generation supply needed to serve its residential customers in 2011, over 90% of the generation supply needed to serve its small and medium non-residential customers in 2011, and 100% of the generation supply needed to serve its largest non-residential customers who select the fixed-price DSP option in 2011.

Advanced Metering and Demand-Side Management Initiatives. In October 2008, Pennsylvania adopted Act 129, which includes a number of measures relating to conservation, demand-side management and power procurement processes. Act 129 requires each EDC with more than 100,000 customers to adopt a plan, approved by the Pennsylvania PUC, to reduce, by May 31, 2011, electric consumption by at least one percent of its expected consumption for June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010. By May 31, 2013, the total annual weather-normalized consumption is to be reduced by a minimum of three percent, and peak demand is to be reduced by a minimum of four and one-half percent of the EDC's annual system peak demand. Act 129 also:

directed the Pennsylvania PUC to adopt an energy conservation and efficiency program to require EDCs to develop and file, by July 1, 2009, plans to reduce energy demand and consumption; and

required EDCs to file a plan for "smart meter" technology procurement and installation in August 2009.

West Penn expects to incur significant capital expenditures to comply with these requirements.

Act 129 also requires EDCs to obtain energy through a prudent mix of contracts, with an emphasis on competitive procurement. The Act includes a "grandfather" provision for West Penn's procurement and rate mitigation plan, which was previously approved by the Pennsylvania PUC.

In June 2009 West Penn filed its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan (the "EE&C Plan") containing 22 programs to meet its Act 129 demand and consumption reduction obligations. The proposed programs cover most energy-consuming devices of residential, commercial and industrial customers. The EE&C Plan also proposed a reconcilable surcharge mechanism to obtain full and current cost recovery of the EE&C Plan costs, as provided in Act 129. The EE&C Plan projected an aggregated cost of the energy efficiency measures in the amount of approximately \$94.3 million through mid 2013.

In October 2009, the Pennsylvania PUC approved most aspects of West Penn's EE&C Plan, including West Penn's proposal to recover its EE&C Plan costs on a full and current basis via an automatic surcharge to customers' bills, subject to an annual reconciliation mechanism.

The Pennsylvania PUC declined to approve two of West Penn's proposed customer programs and encouraged West Penn to submit revisions to both programs. In December 2009, West Penn filed an amended EE&C Plan as directed by the Pennsylvania PUC, in which it added a new customer resources demand response program intended to replace the two programs that the Pennsylvania PUC had declined to approve. The Pennsylvania PUC entered an order on March 1, 2010, approving in part and rejecting in part West Penn's revised plan and directing West Penn to include additional detail on the costs associated with the previously

approved customer load response program and the new customer resources demand response program. On April 29, 2010, West Penn filed its amended plan, which the Pennsylvania PUC approved by order entered on June 23, 2010.

On August 14, 2009, West Penn filed its original Smart Meter Technology Procurement and Installation Plan (the "SMI Plan"). As originally proposed, the SMI Plan provided for extensive deployment of smart meter infrastructure with replacement of all of West Penn's approximately 725,000 meters by the end of 2014. West Penn estimated at that time that the total cost of implementing smart meter infrastructure as proposed would be approximately \$620 million. A hearing on the SMI Plan was held in November 2009, and in December 2009, West Penn filed a motion to reopen the evidentiary record to submit an alternative smart meter plan proposing, among other things, a less rapid deployment of smart meters. The Pennsylvania PUC granted the motion to reopen the record and remanded the proceeding to the administrative law judge (the "ALJ"). The Pennsylvania PUC also waived the January 2010 deadline by which the ALJ's recommended decision would have been required. The hearing was held on March 16, 2010. On May 6, 2010, the ALJ issued a decision finding that West Penn's alternative smart meter deployment plan, which contemplated deployment of 375,000 smart meters by May 2012, complied with the requirements of Act 129 and recommended approval of the alternative plan, including West Penn's proposed cost recovery mechanism, by the Pennsylvania PUC.

However, in light of the significant expenditures that would be associated with its smart meter deployment plans and related infrastructure upgrades as previously proposed, as well as its evaluation of recent Pennsylvania PUC decisions approving less rapid deployment proposals by other EDCs, West Penn undertook to re-evaluate its Act 129 compliance strategy, including both its plans with respect to smart meter deployment and certain smart meter dependent aspects of its EE&C Plan. On July 21, 2010, the PA PUC issued an order, in response to West Penn's request, to stay West Penn's smart meter implementation proceedings for a period of 90 days. On September 10, 2010. West Penn filed an amended EE&C Plan that is less reliant on smart meter deployment and emphasizes non-smart meter reliant programs to meet the conservation and demand reduction requirements of Act 129. Additionally, on October 19, 2010, West Penn and Pennsylvania's Office of Consumer Advocate filed a Joint Petition for Settlement addressing West Penn's SMI Plan with the Pennsylvania PUC. Under the terms of the proposed Settlement. West Penn proposes to decelerate its previously contemplated smart meter deployment schedule, targeting the installation of an estimated 25,000 meters, based on customer requests, by mid-2012, in support of its EE&C Plan. Thereafter, West Penn proposes to install an additional 15,000 smart meters by 2013 and an additional 60,000 smart meters between 2013 and 2016. The proposed Settlement also contemplates that West Penn take advantage of the 30-month grace period authorized by the Pennsylvania PUC to continue its efforts to re-evaluate its full-scale smart meter deployment plans, and that it file a revised SMI Plan reflecting those efforts, including its proposed plans for full-scale deployment of smart meters, which West Penn currently anticipates filing in June 2012. Under the terms of the proposed Settlement. West Penn would be permitted to recover certain previously-incurred and anticipated smart-meter related expenditures through a levelized customer surcharge, with certain expenditures amortized over a ten-year period and others amortized through 2017, in each case with interest at the statutory rate (currently 6%) on deferred amounts. Additionally, West Penn would be permitted to seek recovery of certain other costs as part of its revised SMI Plan for full-scale deployment that it currently intends to file in June 2012 or in a future base distribution rate case.

West Penn's actual cost to implement smart meter infrastructure may vary from any previous estimate as a result of changes in its SMI Plan as ultimately approved by the Pennsylvania PUC and the timing of that approval, among other factors.

*Transmission Expansion.* By order entered on December 12, 2008, the Pennsylvania PUC authorized TrAIL Company to construct a 1.2 mile portion of TrAIL in Pennsylvania from the proposed 502 Junction Substation in Greene County to the Pennsylvania-West Virginia state line. In the same order, the Pennsylvania PUC authorized TrAIL Company to engage in a collaborative process to identify possible solutions to reliability problems in the Washington County, Pennsylvania area in lieu of the Prexy Facilities that had been a part of the original TrAIL proposal. As a result of the collaborative process, a proposed settlement and an amendment to the

application based on a consensus of participants in the collaborative process are pending before the Pennsylvania PUC for approval.

Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard. Legislation enacted in 2004 requires the implementation of an alternative energy portfolio standard in Pennsylvania. This legislation requires EDCs and retail electric suppliers in Pennsylvania to obtain certain percentages of their energy supplies from alternative sources. However, the legislation includes an exemption from this requirement for companies, such as West Penn, that are operating within a transition period under the current regulations governing the transition to market competition in Pennsylvania. The full requirement will apply to those companies when their respective transition periods end. West Penn's compliance period begins on January 1, 2011. The legislation also includes a provision that will allow the Pennsylvania PUC to modify or eliminate these obligations if alternative sources are not reasonably available. The law directs that all costs related to the purchase of electricity from alternative energy sources and payments for alternative energy credits will be fully recovered pursuant to an automatic energy adjustment clause. The Pennsylvania PUC entered a final rulemaking order on September 28, 2008, adopting regulations for implementation and enforcement of the legislation.

Reliability Benchmarks. In May 2004, the Pennsylvania PUC modified its utility specific benchmarks and performance standards for electric distribution system reliability. The benchmarks were set too low for West Penn, resulting in required reliability levels that were unattainable. West Penn appealed the benchmarks to the Pennsylvania PUC. In 2005, the parties to the proceeding, including the Consumer Advocate, the Utility Workers Union of America Local 102, and the Rural Electric Association entered into an agreement settling the proceeding and providing West Penn with attainable reliability benchmarks. The Pennsylvania PUC approved the settlement in an Order issued July 27, 2006. According to the Pennsylvania PUC's Electric Service Reliability in Pennsylvania 2008 report, West Penn's overall performance in 2008 was substantially better than its performance during 2007. In 2007 and 2008, West Penn's System Average Interruption Frequency Index, Customer Average Interruption Duration Index and System Average Interruption Duration Index values were better than the applicable standards, and West Penn currently expects that, as of the end of 2010, it will be satisfying all of the reliability standards approved by the Pennsylvania PUC in its July 2006 order.

## West Virginia

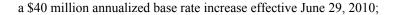
In 1998, the West Virginia legislature passed legislation directing the West Virginia PSC to determine whether retail electric competition was in the best interests of West Virginia and its citizens. In response, the West Virginia PSC submitted a plan to introduce full retail competition on January 1, 2001. The West Virginia legislature approved, but never implemented, this plan. In March 2003, the West Virginia legislature passed a bill that clarified the jurisdiction of the West Virginia PSC over electric generation facilities. In 2000, Potomac Edison received approval to transfer its West Virginia generation assets to AE Supply. However, the West Virginia PSC never acted on a similar petition by Monongahela, and Monongahela agreed to withdraw its petition. Based on these actions, Allegheny has concluded that retail competition and the deregulation of generation is no longer likely in West Virginia.

*Merger*. On May 18, 2010, Monongahela, Potomac Edison and TrAIL Company filed a joint application with FirstEnergy requesting authorization for a change of control of Monongahela, Potomac Edison and TrAIL Company as the result of the proposed Merger. West Virginia laws impose no statutory timeframe for the West Virginia PSC's consideration of the merger application, but the West Virginia PSC is expected to complete its review in sufficient time to meet the anticipated Merger closing schedule in the first half of 2011.

On November 3, 2010, AE and FirstEnergy filed a comprehensive settlement with the West Virginia PSC that resolves all issues raised by the parties in the merger proceedings in West Virginia. In addition to the commitments made in the initial merger application, the settlement includes: a commitment to maintain a regional headquarters operation for Allegheny's West Virginia utility operations within Monongahela's service territory; \$7.5 million in rate reductions over a two-year period for Allegheny's West Virginia customers; certain

customer service and reliability commitments aimed at reducing the duration of outages; a commitment to maintain customer call center operations in Fairmont, West Virginia for at least five years following the completion of the Merger; additional funding totaling \$500,000 over a four-year period for Dollar Energy Fund in West Virginia; and specific demand-side management and energy efficiency savings levels in Allegheny's West Virginia service territories. The settlement is subject to approval by the West Virginia PSC.

Rate Case. On August 13, 2009, Monongahela and Potomac Edison filed with the West Virginia PSC a request to increase retail rates by approximately \$122.1 million annually, effective June 10, 2010. On January 12, 2010, Monongahela and Potomac Edison filed supplemental testimony discussing a tax treatment change that would result in a revenue requirement that is approximately \$7.7 million lower than the requirement included in the original filing. In addition, in December 2009, subsidiaries of Monongahela and Potomac Edison completed a securitization transaction to finance certain costs associated with the installation of Scrubbers at the Fort Martin generating station, which costs would otherwise have been included in the request for rate recovery. Monongahela and Potomac Edison ultimately requested an increase in retail rates of approximately \$95 million, rather than \$122.1 million, annually. An evidentiary hearing on this matter was scheduled to begin April 5, 2010. However, on April 2, 2010, Monongahela and Potomac Edison filed with the West Virginia PSC a Joint Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the "West Virginia Stipulation") reached with the other parties in the proceeding. The West Virginia Stipulation provides for:



the deferral of February 2010 storm restoration expenses in West Virginia over a maximum five-year period;

an additional \$20 million annualized base rate increase effective January, 2011;

a decrease of \$20 million in ENEC rates effective January 2011, which amount is deferred for later recovery in 2012; and

a moratorium on filing for further increases in base rates before December 1, 2011, except under specified circumstances.

The West Virginia PSC conducted a hearing on the West Virginia Stipulation on April 6, 2010 and approved the stipulation on June 25, 2010.

Annual Adjustment of Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Rates. On August 29, 2008, Monongahela and Potomac Edison filed with the West Virginia PSC a request to increase retail rates by approximately \$173 million annually to reflect expected increases in fuel and purchased power costs during 2009 and under-recovery of past costs through June 2008. The new rates, proposed to become effective January 1, 2009, were submitted pursuant to the schedule for annual fuel and purchased power cost reviews in connection with Monongahela's and Potomac Edison's purchased power cost recovery clause in West Virginia. On December 29, 2008, the West Virginia PSC issued an order approving a settlement agreement among Allegheny, the Consumer Advocate Division, the Staff of the West Virginia PSC and the West Virginia Energy Users Group, pursuant to which Allegheny's rates in West Virginia were increased by \$142.5 million annually beginning on January 1, 2009.

On September 1, 2009, Monongahela and Potomac Edison filed their annual fuel adjustment request with the West Virginia PSC, requesting a rate increase of \$143.2 million to reflect increases in their unrecovered balances of fuel and purchased power costs that have accrued through June 2009 and projected increases through June 2010. The new rates were submitted pursuant to the schedule for annual fuel and purchased power cost reviews. On December 2, 2009, the parties to the proceeding filed a Joint Stipulation providing that Monongahela and Potomac Edison would receive an increase of \$118 million, effective January 1, 2010, plus deferred recovery of an additional \$23.1

million effective January 1, 2011,	, with carrying charges of 6% on the deferred amount.	The West Virginia PSC approved the Joint Stipulation
on December 29, 2009.		

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Securitization and Scrubber Project. On April 11, 2007, Allegheny completed the securitization of certain project costs related to the construction of Scrubbers at Monongahela's Fort Martin generation facility in West Virginia with the sale by MP Environmental Funding LLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Monongahela ("MP Environmental"), and PE Environmental Funding LLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Potomac Edison ("PE Environmental"), of an aggregate amount of \$459.3 million in environmental control bonds pursuant to a Financing Order issued by the West Virginia PSC.

On July 2, 2009, Monongahela and Potomac Edison requested authority from the West Virginia PSC to finance the remaining costs associated with the Fort Martin Scrubber project through the issuance of additional environmental control bonds, which the West Virginia PSC granted in September 2009. On December 23, 2009, MP Environmental and PE Environmental issued \$85,890,000 aggregate principal amount of Senior Secured ROC Bonds, Environmental Control Series B.

*Transmission Expansion.* On May 15, 2009, PATH WV, PATH Allegheny and certain other related entities filed an application with the West Virginia PSC for authorization to construct the West Virginia portion of the PATH project. A decision on the application is expected in the third quarter of 2011.

**Purchase of Distribution Assets.** In connection with Potomac Edison's agreement to sell its Virginia distribution assets, Allegheny has executed an agreement to purchase Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative's West Virginia distribution business. The purchase price is expected to be approximately \$13 million, subject to certain adjustments through the closing date. A petition seeking consent to and approval of the sale was filed with the West Virginia PSC on October 8, 2010.

## Maryland

In 1999, Maryland adopted electric industry restructuring legislation, which gave Potomac Edison's Maryland retail electric customers the right to choose their electricity generation suppliers. In 2000, Potomac Edison transferred its Maryland generation assets to AE Supply but remained obligated to provide standard offer generation service ("SOS") at capped rates to residential and non-residential customers for various periods. The longest such period, for residential customers, expired on December 31, 2008. As discussed below, Potomac Edison has implemented a rate stabilization plan to transition customers from capped generation rates to rates based on market prices. Potomac Edison retained its T&D assets. Potomac Edison's T&D rates for all customers were capped through 2004 and are otherwise subject to traditional regulated utility ratemaking (i.e., cost-based rates).

*Merger*. On May 27, 2010, Potomac Edison filed a joint application with FirstEnergy requesting authorization for a change of control of Potomac Edison as the result of the proposed Merger. The Maryland PSC is expected to issue its decision in January 2011.

Standard Offer Service. In 2003, the Maryland PSC approved two state-wide settlements relating to the future of PLR and SOS. The settlements extended Potomac Edison's obligation to provide SOS after the expiration of the generation rate cap periods established for Potomac Edison as part of the 1999 restructuring of Maryland's electric market. The settlements provided that, after expiration of the generation rate caps, SOS would be provided through 2012 for residential customers, through 2008 for smaller commercial and industrial customers and through 2006 for Potomac Edison's medium-sized commercial customers. Potomac Edison's obligation to provide SOS for its largest industrial customers expired at the end of 2005. A 2005 settlement extended Potomac Edison's SOS obligations to its medium-sized commercial customers through May 2007, and a further order of the Maryland PSC issued on August 28, 2006 extended that obligation through at least the end of May 2009. The Maryland PSC issued an order on November 8, 2006, and a report to the Maryland legislature on December 31, 2006, that would continue SOS to small and medium-sized commercial customers with changes in procurement durations. In another proceeding, the Maryland PSC ordered the utilities to issue a request for proposal for possible acquisition of demand response resources for the period from 2011 to 2016 and to

participate in a working group on the development of distributed generation resources. The request for proposal was issued on January 16, 2009. The Maryland PSC issued an order on March 11, 2009 approving the purchase of most of the resources offered, and the utilities have made the purchases.

By statute enacted in 2007, the obligation of Maryland utilities to provide SOS to residential and small commercial customers, in exchange for recovery of their costs plus a reasonable profit, was extended indefinitely. The legislation also established a five-year cycle (to begin in 2008) for the Maryland PSC to report to the legislature on the status of SOS. The other Maryland electric utilities providing SOS, all of whose initial settlement obligations have expired, continue to do so essentially in accordance with the terms of the 2003 settlements as modified by the Maryland PSC orders discussed immediately above, as does Potomac Edison. The terms on which Potomac Edison will provide SOS to residential customers after the settlement covering that initial obligation expires in 2012 depend on developments with respect to SOS in Maryland between now and then, including but not limited to possible Maryland PSC decisions in the proceedings discussed below.

The Maryland PSC opened a new docket in August 2007 (Case No. 9117) to consider matters relating to possible "managed portfolio" approaches to SOS, the aggregation of low income SOS customers, and a retail supplier proposal for the utility "purchase" of all retailer receivables ("POR") at no discount and with no recourse. "Phase II" of the case addressed utility purchases or construction of generation, bidding for procurement of demand response resources and possible alternatives if the TrAIL and PATH projects are delayed or defeated. Hearings on Phase I and II were held in October and November 2007 and in January 2008. The issue regarding POR was ultimately resolved in another proceeding, and the Maryland electric utilities' tariffs implementing POR went into effect in July 2010. It is unclear when the Maryland PSC will issue its findings on the other issues in this and other related pending proceedings discussed below.

On July 3, 2008, the Maryland PSC issued a further order requiring the utilities to prepare detailed studies of alternatives for possible managed portfolios, with a time horizon out to fifteen years, and to file those studies by October 1, 2008. The Maryland PSC expressly stated that the order "should not be construed... as a decision to modify in any way, the current SOS procurement practice." Potomac Edison filed its study with the Maryland PSC on October 1, 2008, and the Maryland PSC held hearings on the matter in December 2008. No order has been issued.

On September 29, 2009, the Maryland PSC opened a new proceeding to receive and consider proposals for construction of new generation resources in Maryland. Proposals were initially due to be filed by December 16, 2009, but the Maryland PSC has indefinitely postponed that deadline while it considers recommendations as to what the filings should be required to contain. Also, on December 18, 2009, Governor Martin O' Malley filed a letter in this proceeding in which he characterized the electricity market in Maryland as a "failure" and urged the Maryland PSC to use its existing authority to order the construction of new generation in Maryland, vary the means used by utilities to procure generation and include more renewables in the generation mix. On August 16, 2010, the Maryland PSC opened another new proceeding to solicit comments on the PJM RPM process. Public hearings on the comments were held on October 15 and 16, 2010.

In August 2007, Potomac Edison filed a plan for seeking bids to serve its Maryland residential load for the period after the expiration of rate caps on December 31, 2008. The Maryland PSC approved the plan in a series of orders issued between September 2007 and September 2008. Potomac Edison will continue to conduct rolling auctions to procure the power supply necessary to serve its customer load going forward.

**Rate Stabilization.** In special session on June 23, 2006, the Maryland legislature passed emergency legislation directing the Maryland PSC to, among other things, investigate options available to Potomac Edison to implement a rate mitigation or rate stabilization plan for SOS to protect its residential customers from rate shock in connection with the January 1, 2009 expiration of generation rate caps.

In December 2006, Potomac Edison filed with the Maryland PSC a proposed Rate Stabilization Ramp-Up Transition Plan designed to transition residential customers from capped generation rates to rates based on market prices. Under the plan as approved by the Maryland PSC, residential customers who did not elect to opt out of the program began paying a surcharge in June 2007. The application of the surcharge resulted in an overall rate increase of approximately 15% in 2007 and 13% in 2008. With the expiration of the residential generation rate caps and the move to generation rates based on market prices on January 1, 2009, the surcharge converted to a credit on customers' bills. Funds collected through the surcharge during 2007 and 2008, plus interest, are being returned to customers as a credit on their electric bills, thereby reducing the effect of the rate cap expiration. The credit will continue, with adjustments, to maintain rate stability until December 31, 2010 or until all monies collected from customers plus interest are returned. The resulting rate increase in 2009 was 11.3%, and the rate change approved in 2009 for 2010 was actually a decrease of 2.5%. Of Potomac Edison's approximately 220,000 residential customers in Maryland, as of June 30, 2010, approximately 17.8% elected to opt-out of, or are not eligible for, Potomac Edison's plan.

Advanced Metering and Demand Side Management Initiatives. On September 28, 2007, the Maryland PSC issued an order that required the utilities to file detailed plans for how they will meet a proposal-"EmPOWER Maryland"-that in Maryland electric consumption be reduced by 15% by 2015. On October 26, 2007, Potomac Edison filed its initial report on energy efficiency, conservation and demand reduction plans in connection with this order. The Maryland PSC conducted hearings on Potomac Edison's and other utilities' plans in November 2007 and further hearings on May 7, 2008.

In a related development, the Maryland legislature in 2008 adopted a statute codifying the EmPOWER Maryland goals and setting a deadline of September 1, 2008 for the utilities to file comprehensive plans for attempting to achieve those goals. Potomac Edison filed its proposals on August 29, 2008, asking the Maryland PSC to approve seven programs for residential customers, five programs for commercial, industrial, and governmental customers, a customer education program, and a pilot deployment of Advanced Utility Infrastructure ("AUI") that Allegheny has previously been testing in West Virginia. On December 31, 2008, the Maryland PSC issued an order approving some of Potomac Edison's programs and directing that others be redesigned. Potomac Edison filed its revised programs on March 31, 2009, with new cost and benefit information. The Maryland PSC approved the programs on August 6, 2009, and approved cost recovery for the programs on October 6, 2009. Expenditures are expected to be approximately \$101 million and will be recovered over the next six years. Meanwhile, the AUI pilot was placed on a separate track and is currently being re-examined after discussion with the Staff of the Maryland PSC and other stakeholders.

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard. Legislation enacted in 2004 (and supplemented with respect to solar power in 2007 and again in 2010) requires the implementation of a renewable energy portfolio standard in Maryland. Beginning upon the later of the expiration of the transition period for any particular customer class served by a supplier or January 1, 2006, retail electricity suppliers in Maryland must obtain certain percentages of their energy supplies from renewable energy resources. The law provides that if renewable resources are too expensive, or are not available in quantities sufficient to meet the standard in any given year, suppliers can instead opt to pay a "compliance fee." The law directs the Maryland PSC to allow electric suppliers to recover their costs from customers, including any compliance fees that they incur.

Moratorium on Service Terminations. On March 11, 2009, the Maryland PSC issued an order suspending until further notice the right of all electric and gas utilities in the state to terminate service to residential customers for non-payment of bills. The order directed the utilities and other interested parties to meet and devise proposals for offering payment plans to all residential customers, not just low-income customers. On April 1, 2009, the Staff of the Maryland PSC and utilities filed a plan providing for additional and longer payment plans and for a temporary suspension of requests to customers for increased deposits. The Maryland PSC held a hearing on the matter on April 7, 2009, and subsequently issued an order making various rule changes relating to terminations, payment plans, and customer deposits that make it more difficult for Maryland utilities to collect deposits or to terminate service for non-payment. Potomac Edison and several other utilities filed requests for reconsideration of various

parts of the order on May 26, 2009, which motions were denied on September 23, 2009. Potomac Edison filed a notice of appeal of that order on October 23, 2009, but withdrew the appeal when the Maryland PSC issued a further order on November 23, 2009 that clarified the limited scope and duration of the rule changes. The Maryland PSC is continuing to conduct hearings and collect data on payment plans and related issues, and has adopted a set of proposed regulations that expand the summer and winter "severe weather" termination moratoria when temperatures are very high or very low, from one day, as provided by statute, to three days on each occurrence.

*Transmission Expansion.* On December 21, 2009, Potomac Edison filed a new application with the Maryland PSC for authorization to construct the Maryland portions of the PATH Project. The project in Maryland will be owned by PATH Allegheny MD, which is owned by Potomac Edison and PATH Allegheny. A decision on the application is expected in the third quarter of 2011.

#### Virginia

Merger. The Virginia SCC issued a decision approving the proposed Merger on September 9, 2010.

Sale of Distribution Operations. On June 1, 2010, Potomac Edison sold its electric distribution operations in Virginia (the "Virginia distribution business") to Rappahannock Electric Cooperative and Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative. Cash proceeds from the sale were approximately \$317 million, resulting in a pre-tax gain of approximately \$45 million. In connection with the sale, Potomac Edison agreed to contribute \$27.5 million between July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014 to reduce the impact of any future rate increases on its former customers, the present value of which was included in the calculation of the \$45 million pre-tax gain.

*Transmission Expansion.* On September 20, 2010, PATH Allegheny VA filed a new application with the Virginia SCC for authorization to construct the Virginia portions of the PATH project. The decision on the application is expected in the third quarter of 2011.

#### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

See Item 7a, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk," in the 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K for information relating to market risk.

#### **Commodity Price Risk**

Allegheny is exposed to market risks associated with changes in commodity prices resulting from changes in supplies, demands, fuel costs, market liquidity, weather, environmental regulation and other factors. To manage these risks, Allegheny uses derivatives and physical transactions to reduce its exposure to commodity prices.

Of its commodity-driven risks, Allegheny is primarily exposed to risks associated with the wholesale and retail electricity markets, including generation, coal and other fuel procurement, power marketing and the purchase and sale of electricity. Allegheny's wholesale and retail activities principally consist of bilateral forward contracts for the purchase and sale of electricity. The majority of these contracts represent commitments to purchase or sell electricity at fixed prices in the future. These forward contracts can require either physical or financial settlement.

One way to measure Allegheny's exposure to the commodity risk is using the percentage of expected coal-fired generation hedged. These percentages represent the estimated amount of equivalent sales divided by the amount of energy purchases contracted and estimated to be generated by our coal plants in such periods. As of September 30, 2010, the percentage of expected coal-fired generation hedged was approximately 93%, 67% and 25% for balance of 2010, 2011, and 2012, respectively.

Allegheny measures the sensitivity of its contracts and positions to potential changes in commodity prices using high-level sensitivity analysis and Value at Risk ("VaR").

Allegheny performed a high-level sensitivity analysis of the impact of changes in power and coal prices on its future pre-tax income. The estimated market price exposure for Allegheny's coal-fired generation portfolio associated with a \$10 per MWh decrease in energy prices based on September 30, 2010 market conditions and hedged position would be a decrease in pre-tax income of approximately \$4 million, \$102 million and \$240 million for the balance of 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively. The estimated market price exposure for Allegheny's coal-fired generation portfolio associated with a \$10 per ton increase in coal prices based on September 30, 2010 market conditions and hedged position would not impact pre-tax income for the remainder of 2010 and would result in a decrease in pre-tax income of approximately \$3 million and \$41 million for 2011 and 2012, respectively. These power and coal price sensitivities were estimated by individually adjusting power price assumptions and coal price assumptions, respectively, while in each case holding all other variables constant. Actual results could differ based on changes in load volumes, plant performance, dispatch changes and basis changes relative to PJM Western Hub power prices, among other factors.

VaR is a statistical model that measures the variability of value and predicts the risk of loss based on historical market price and volatility data over a given period of time. The quantification of market risk using VaR provides a consistent measure of risk across diverse energy markets and products with different risk factors to set the overall corporate risk tolerance and determine risk targets. Allegheny calculates VaR using the Monte-Carlo technique by simulating thousands of scenarios sampling from the probability distribution of uncertain market variables. In addition to VaR, Allegheny routinely performs stress and scenario analyses to measure extreme losses due to exceptional events.

AE Supply calculated the VaR of a 1-day holding period at a 95% confidence level using the full term of all remaining wholesale energy market positions that are accounted for on a mark-to-market basis. These wholesale energy market positions consist of derivatives in power, emissions and natural gas excluding FTRs. The FTRs are excluded from the VaR measurement as they are generally considered to be economic hedges of congestion in meeting Allegheny's load obligation. As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, this calculation yielded a VaR of approximately \$2 million and \$1 million, respectively.

The value of FTRs generally represents an economic hedge of future congestion charges incurred to serve Allegheny's load obligations. The related load obligations, however, are not reflected in Allegheny's consolidated balance sheets. As a result, the timing of recognition of gains or losses on FTRs will differ from the timing of power purchases, including incurred congestion charges. The fair value of FTRs has been determined using an internal model based on data from PJM annual and monthly FTR auctions. These monthly auction results can change significantly over time and may differ from the final settlement amounts. See Note 11, "Fair Value Measurements, Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," to the Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding unrealized gains (losses) attributable to FTRs during the three months ended September 30, 2010.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Excluding variable rate debt relating to the TrAIL project, for which Allegheny recovers interest costs in formula rates, Allegheny had \$15 million of variable rate debt outstanding at September 30, 2010. AE did not have any debt subject to variable interest rates at December 31, 2009.

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

See, Item 9a. "Controls and Procedures," in the 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information relating to Controls and Procedures.

*Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* AE maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in reports filed under the Exchange Act is

recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the chief executive officer ("CEO") and chief financial officer ("CFO"), as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, our management, with the participation of our CEO and CFO, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13(a)-15(e) and 15(d)-15(e) of the Exchange Act. This evaluation included consideration of the various processes carried out under the direction of our disclosure committee. Based on this evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that AE's disclosure controls and procedures were effective, at the reasonable assurance level, to ensure that material information relating to AE is (a) accumulated and made known to its management, including our CEO and CFO, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and (b) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting: During the quarter ended September 30, 2010, there have been no changes in AE's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, Allegheny is involved in litigation and other legal disputes in the ordinary course of business. See Note 18, "Commitments and Contingencies" to Allegheny's consolidated financial statements for information regarding legal proceedings.

## **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Except for the risk factors set forth below, there have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A of Part 1 of the 2009 Annual report on form 10-K. The risk factors set forth below were disclosed in the 2009 Annual Report and have been updated to provide additional information.

Allegheny's costs to comply with environmental laws have been significant. New environmental laws and regulations, or new interpretations of existing laws and regulations, could impose more stringent limitations on Allegheny's generation operations or require it to incur significant additional costs. The cost of compliance with present and future environmental laws could have an adverse effect on Allegheny's business.

Allegheny's operations are subject to extensive federal, state and local environmental statutes, rules and regulations relating to air quality, waste management, natural resources and site remediation and may, in the future, become subject to new and potentially more extensive environmental regulations, including but not limited to regulations intended to address climate change. Compliance with these laws and regulations may require Allegheny to expend significant financial resources to, among other things, meet air emission and water quality standards, conduct site remediation, perform environmental monitoring, purchase emission allowances, use alternative fuels, install and operate pollution control equipment at its generation facilities and modulate operations of its generation facilities in order to reduce emissions. If Allegheny fails to comply with applicable environmental laws and regulations, even if it is unable to do so due to factors beyond its control, it may be subject to civil liabilities or criminal penalties and may be required to incur significant expenditures to come into compliance. In addition, any alleged violations of environmental laws and regulations may require Allegheny to expend significant resources defending itself against such alleged violations. Either result could have an adverse effect on Allegheny's business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition.

Implementation of the EPA's current proposals with regard to air quality, water quality and CCR, as described above, would, together with potential climate change legislation, require extensive and costly changes to the nation's electric generation fleet, including the installation of new pollution controls, retirement of many existing generating facilities and construction of new generating capacity. Several industry and industry-related assessments, while varying in their estimates and assumptions, estimate that if implementation of these initiatives proceeds according to currently proposed schedules, the combined national cost through 2015 associated with required retrofitting of existing facilities and construction of new facilities could be hundreds of billions of dollars. Additionally, it is estimated that the cost of complying with these initiatives would not be economically justified for many individual facilities and would therefore result in the retirement of a significant portion of the nation's existing coal-fired generation capacity. While specific estimates involve complex models incorporating many variables and assumptions that are subject to individual interpretation and are highly subject to change, it is clear that timely compliance would be challenging and require significant investment, both at the industry level and for Allegheny, which could be required to install a variety of additional pollution controls at a number of its generating facilities and could be compelled to retire certain of its subcritical facilities.

Allegheny also may be subject to risks in connection with changing or conflicting interpretations of existing laws and regulations. For example, applicable standards under the EPA's NSR initiatives remain in flux. Under the Clean Air Act, modification of Allegheny's generation facilities in a manner that causes increased emissions could subject Allegheny's existing facilities to the far more stringent NSR standards applicable to new facilities.

The EPA has taken the view that many companies, including many energy producers, have been modifying emissions sources in violation of NSR standards in connection with work believed by the companies to be routine maintenance. Allegheny currently is involved in litigation concerning alleged violations of the PSD provisions of the Clean Air Act at certain of its facilities in West Virginia and violations of the Pennsylvania Air Pollution Control Act and NSR provisions of the Clean Air Act at certain of its facilities in Pennsylvania. Allegheny intends to vigorously pursue and defend against the environmental matters described above but cannot predict their outcomes. If NSR and similar requirements are imposed on Allegheny's generation facilities, in addition to the possible imposition of fines, compliance would entail significant capital investments in pollution control technology, which could have an adverse impact on Allegheny's business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition.

In addition, Allegheny incurs costs to obtain and comply with a variety of environmental permits, licenses, inspections and other approvals. If there is a delay in obtaining any required environmental regulatory approval, or if Allegheny fails to obtain, maintain or comply with any required approval, operations at affected facilities could be halted, curtailed or subjected to additional costs, which could have an adverse impact on Allegheny's business, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

None.

#### ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

**ITEM 4. RESERVED** 

## ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

# **ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

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	Documents
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32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350
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101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

# ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC.

Date: November 5, 2010 By: /s/ Kirk R. Oliver

Kirk R. Oliver

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

- I, PAUL J. EVANSON, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC.
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
- a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
- d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 5, 2010

/s/ Paul J. Evanson

Paul J. Evanson

Principal Executive Officer

- I, KIRK R. OLIVER, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC.
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
- a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
- d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 5, 2010 /s/ Kirk R. Oliver

Kirk R. Oliver

Principal Financial Officer

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, the undersigned officer of ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. (the "Company"), hereby certifies, to such officer's knowledge, that the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2010 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Paul J. Evanson

Paul J. Evanson Principal Executive Officer

November 5, 2010

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, the undersigned officer of ALLEGHENY ENERGY, INC. (the "Company"), hereby certifies, to such officer's knowledge, that the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2010 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Kirk R. Oliver

Kirk R. Oliver Principal Financial Officer

November 5, 2010