

The Shuman Law Firm Announces Investigation on Behalf of Allegheny Energy, Inc. Shareholders

BOULDER, CO Feb. 16, 2010 – *Advertising Material* – The Shuman Law Firm today announced that it is investigating potential breaches of fiduciary duty and other violations of state law on behalf of shareholders of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (“Allegheny”) (NYSE: AYE) in connection with the definitive merger agreement between Allegheny and FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE) announced on Thursday, February 11, 2010.

The agreement provides that Allegheny shareholders will receive 0.667 shares of FirstEnergy stock for each share of Allegheny stock they own, which values Allegheny shares at approximately \$27.65 per share. The transaction is expected to close within twelve to fourteen months.

If you are interested in discussing your rights as an Allegheny shareholder, or have information relating to this investigation, please contact Kip B. Shuman or Rusty E. Glenn toll free at (866) 974-8626 or email Mr. Shuman at kip@shumanlawfirm.com or Mr. Glenn at rusty@shumanlawfirm.com.

The Shuman Law Firm represents investors throughout the nation, concentrating its practice in securities class actions and shareholder derivative actions.

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