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**Control Room Group Selected to Provide Next-Gen Control Room Display Technologies to Allegheny Energy**

*NERC CIP-compliant visualization solution designed for 24x7 operations.*

**TAMPA, Fla. June 16, 2010** – The Control Room Group (CRG), a division of AVI-SPL, today announced that it has been selected by Allegheny Energy, to provide design, integration, installation and on-going support of video display solutions for its new transmission headquarters building in Fairmont, W.Va. The solutions are built for mission critical purposes emphasizing reliability, functionality and serviceability in support of Allegheny's mission to deliver affordable and reliable power.

CRG was chosen based upon their vendor-agnostic design approach which includes extensive assessment of manufacturer products and best matches those products to the Allegheny Energy project requirements, operational needs and accommodation for future growth. As part of the evaluation, CRG recommended that an enhanced content management visualization software package be added to allow further situational awareness for the operations staff.

CRG will supply 80" DLP SXGA+ video projection modules, 52" flat panel LCD monitors and the Control Room Management Suite (CMS) software for advanced visualization in the transmission control room and the incident management room, for operator training and simulation, and employee training rooms. Additional solution components include audio systems and touch panel controls designed for 24x7 operations. The contract also includes traditional audiovisual systems for use in other conference rooms, directors offices and the security alarm station monitoring facility.

The system design is required to satisfy Allegheny Energy's strict requirements to comply with North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) standards. The system topology minimizes any impact on the transmission networks and isolates connections with all other utility IP networks while allowing advanced views of the Allegheny service area and other critical visual displays.

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“In our new Transmission Headquarters Building, Allegheny Energy will leverage the use of state-of-the-art audiovisual technologies to enhance operational performance of our power system, improve overall employee productivity, and manage overall costs,” said Juan Robinson, director, Transmission Operations at Allegheny Power. “CRG was chosen to partner with Allegheny because of their considerable expertise with audiovisual integration, project management, and on-going support. Our partnership will play a major role in the successful deployment of critical visualization enhancements while meeting our project schedule and budget.”

“We are excited to have been selected as Allegheny Energy’s partner to integrate their new mission critical and emergency operations backup facilities,” said Sean LaNeve, vice president of the Control Room Group. “Because the Control Room Group works exclusively in these environments, we understand and take very seriously the importance of this project. We thank Allegheny for their business and ultimate confidence in the Control Room Group and welcome them to our growing list of electric utility customers.”

### **About Allegheny Energy**

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

### **About the Control Room Group**

The Control Room Group, a division of AVI-SPL, designs, integrates, installs and supports mission critical control room facilities in the electric utility industry. The Control Room Group is expert at creating custom systems specifically designed to meet the unique requirements of our clients all the while using common off the shelf components. The Control Room Group works exclusively in the 24/7/365 mission critical control room market and maintains a full time staff of certified project managers, project engineers and installation technicians. For more information, visit the company’s website, <http://crg.avispl.com/>.

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