

COMPANHIA PARANAENSE DE ENERGIA - COPEL
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PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANY
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**EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE 61st EXTRAORDINARY
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
(Free translation from original in Portuguese)

1. VENUE: Rua Coronel Dulcídio, 800, Curitiba - PR. **2. DATE AND TIME:** November 12, 2003 – 2:00pm. **3. BOARD:** João Bonifácio Cabral Júnior - Chairman; Paulo Cruz Pimentel – Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors. **4. ATTENDANCE:** Members of the Board of Directors according to signatures at the end of this document and Mr. Paulo Roberto Trompczynski and Mr. Elzio Batista Machado, members of the Audit Committee. **5. AGENDA AND DELIBERATIONS:** **Item 1** of the agenda of the day – STATUTORY CHANGES, the Chairman has informed that, in light of Copel's restructuring process, and with the intention to allow the Company to be agile in its technical, administrative, financial and accounting development, in attendance to the unification process determined by the Government of the State of Paraná, a statutory reform it was extremely necessary. The statutory reform, proposed by the Executive Office, is now presented to the Board of Directors, and would be submitted to General Shareholders Meeting, which shall deliberate on this subject. Given the complexity and extension of the subject, and in order to give more time to the Board to analyze the necessary statutory changes, it was proposed by the Chairman, and approved, that this matter be discussed on another opportunity. **Item 2** of the agenda of the day – EXTENSION OF THE AUTHORIZATION FOR COAL PURCHASE – The Chairman informed that the Executive Office has established 12/31/2003 as date for the closing of the activities of Figueira Thermoelectric Power Plant. For this reason, the purchase of CE 600 coal, used at the operation of that power plant, will be no longer necessary. The Board of Directors, on its turn, in its 101st Ordinary Meeting held on June 10, 2003, had authorized the extension of the supply contract with Cia. Carbonífera do Cambuí for ninety days, expired last September, after which Copel suspended the payment to that Company. In this context — given the end of the Power Plant operation in December 31, 2003, and the urgent financial needs of Carbonífera —, the Executive Officers authorized, and submitted to the ratification of the Board of Directors, the payment of the coal supply in October. Moreover, also submitted the extension of the coal supply contract until December 31, 2003 to the approval of the Board of Directors. The Chairman informed that, given the of Federal Legislation, pending sanction, that provides for lower cost of coal to electric power concessionaries, it could be possible for Copel to maintain the operation of Figueira Thermoelectric Power Plant. Technical-financial studies are in course, and, after its conclusion, the Executive Officers will define and notify the Board of Directors their position regarding the subject. Subject discussed, the Board ratified the payment of the coal supplied in October, also authorized the extension of the supply contract until the proposed date. **Item 3** – OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE INTEREST OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS– The Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors informed that, in accordance with the legal agreement with Miss. Maria Aparecida Rodrigues Placa, the employee was reintegrated to the workforce of the Company. The Board ratified the Executive Office decision and reintegrated the employee Maria Aparecida Rodrigues Placa to the Company. **6. MEETING SUSPENSION:** At this time, the meeting was suspended and will continue on November 26, 2003, at 8:00 am, when the reform of the Company's By-Laws will be discussed again. **7.**

SIGNATURES: JOÃO BONIFÁCIO CABRAL JÚNIOR - Chairman; PAULO CRUZ PIMENTEL – Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors; ACIR PEPES MEZZADRI; LUÍS ANTÔNIO ROSSAFA; LINDSLEY DA SILVA RASCA RODRIGUES; ROBERTO ANTÔNIO VON DER OSTEN; AMÉRICO ANTONIO GAION.-----
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The minutes of the 61st Meeting of the Board of Directors will be drawn^a up and included in the appropriate book no. 5, registered in the Commercial Registrar of the State of Paraná under no. 00/056085-5, on August 8, 2000..

PAULO CRUZ PIMENTEL
Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors