

COMPANHIA PARANAENSE DE ENERGIA - COPEL
Corporate Taxpayers' ID (CNPJ) 76.483.817/0001-20
PUBLICLY-HELD COMPANY
CVM Registration 1431 - 1

**EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE 76TH EXTRAORDINARY BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING**

1. VENUE: Rua Coronel Dulcídio nº 800, Curitiba - PR. **2. DATE AND TIME:** April 17, 2006 – at 2:00 pm
3. PRESIDING BOARD: João Bonifácio Cabral Júnior - Chairman; Rubens Ghilardi – Executive Secretary. **4. DELIBERATIONS:**

I. authorized, by unanimous vote, the acquisition, by Copel, of El Paso's stake (60%) in UEG Araucária Ltda. for US\$ 190 million, and its submission to the approval of the House of Representatives of the State of Paraná. Approved, also by unanimous vote, the agreement reached with Petrobrás, fixing Copel's debt at R\$ 150 million. Both cases were approved in compliance with the criteria already submitted and approved by the 74th Extraordinary Board of Directors Meeting, held on February 13, 2006.

5. SIGNATURES: JOÃO BONIFÁCIO CABRAL JÚNIOR - Chairman; RUBENS GHILARDI – Executive Secretary; ACIR PEPES MEZZADRI; LAURITA COSTA ROSA; ROGÉRIO DE PAULA QUADROS; SÉRGIO BOTTO DE LACERDA.

The text of the Minutes of the 76th Extraordinary Meeting of Copel's Board of Directors was drawn up in the Company's Book #6, registered with the Board Trade of the Paraná State under # 05/095391-5, on August 8, 2005.

RUBENS GHILARDI
Executive Secretary