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### Copel's market grows 1.2% in 2003

Copel's total market, including free costumers, grew 1.2% from January to December 2003 in relation to the previous year.

The residential, commercial and rural segments grew 1.7%, 5.0% and 2.8%, respectively. The positive performance of the commercial is a result, mostly, of the sector modernization and the establishment of over 5 thousand new commercial units in 2003.

The consumption of the industrial class registered a 4.3% decrease compared to the previous year, due to the loss of some large customers, as well as lower economic activity in the period.

#### Direct Distribution

Segment	In GWh		
	2003	2002	Change
Residential	4,381	4,307	1.7%
Industrial	7,233	7,554	-4.3%
Commercial	2,864	2,726	5.0%
Rural	1,250	1,216	2.8%
Free costumers (industrial clients) outside Paraná State	1,365	1,100	24.1%
Others	1,689	1,648	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,782</b>	<b>18,551</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

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