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Copel's Market grew 1.4% in the first quarter 2004

Copel's total market, including free costumers, rose 1.4% in the period from January to March 2004, compared to the same period in the previous year.

Residential, commercial and rural consumer segments increased 0.5%, 5.0% and 6.4% respectively. The good performance of the commercial segment is mainly due to the modernization of the commercial sector and to new commercial units.

The industrial segment consumption, in Copel's concession area, has contracted 1.2% due to the loss of some major industrial clients who became free costumers.

Direct Distribution

Segment	1 st quarter		In GWh Change
	2004	2003	
Residential	1,122	1,116	0.5 %
Industrial	1,727	1,748	(1.2%)
Commercial	777	740	5.0 %
Rural	349	328	6.4 %
Free costumers (industrial clients) outside Paraná State	315	302	4.2 %
Others	422	413	2.3 %
Total	4,712	4,647	1.4 %

Sincerely,

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