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Power Market at Copel's concession area grows 1.7% during the first half of 2004

Power consumption market in Copel's direct distribution area grew by 1.7% between January and June 2004, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Residential, commercial and rural consumption grew by 1.4%, 5.6% and 7.2%, respectively. The good performance of the rural segment is mainly due to the increase in the export of agriculture and agribusiness products. For the commercial segment, the increase is a result of the modernization of the sector and the implementation of new commercial businesses.

Industrial consumption dropped 1.0% due to the outflow, in 2003, of some large consumers, while, the so-called unregulated ("free") costumers outside the State of Paraná, decreased 4.1% due to a change in invoice date of one of our main consumers.

Direct Distribution			
Segment	1half 2004	1half 2003	In GWh Change
Residential	2,235	2,204	1.4%
Industrial	3,502	3,537	-1.0%
Commercial	1,522	1,442	5.6%
Rural	681	636	7.2%
Others	859	836	2.7%
Subtotal	8,799	8,655	1.7%
Free costumers (industrial clients) outside the State of Paraná	602	627	-4.1%
Total	9,401	9,282	1.3%

Sincerely,

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