



**COPEL**  
**Companhia Paranaense de Energia**



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## **COPEL'S celebrates its 50th anniversary today**

Fifty years ago, Governor Bento Munhoz da Rocha Netto signed at the Iguazu Palace, in Curitiba, State Executive Order # 4,947, creating a Company to remove a great obstacle to the economical and social development of the State of Paraná.

This was the birth of Copel, a legitimate patrimony of the people of State of Paraná, a consecrated symbol of its technical capacity and entrepreneurship.

Nowadays, Copel is the largest Company in the State, a synonym of efficiency for consumers and a business reference for the national electric power industry, is also known worldwide as the industry's third most respected company in the world. Most of all, the Company can continue to play its role as a development agent, by enriching the economy through the promotion of social inclusion and improving life conditions.

### **Copel Yesterday**

Paraná's electric power scenario during the 50's, when Copel was created, was the opposite of nowadays conditions. At that time, the State did not have energy during the nights for two reasons: generators' insufficient capacity to supply everyone and also to save fuel, as diesel fuel was too expensive.

Therefore, to solve the long lasting electric power shortage was an immediate and urgent necessity: without electric power, there would be no progress, nor development.

### **Copel Today**

After 50 years, the State of Paraná saw the electric power problem become a solution.

Copel's energy is a key factor to attract new production businesses to the State, an input for improved farming production, a mechanism to promote social inclusion and also an effective mean to perform income distribution.

The State Company's coverage reaches nearly all the State of Paraná, with 3,147 thousand connected customers. The coverage reaches almost 100% of urban area and surpasses 90% of the rural areas. The connected customer base is comprised of 2.4 million homes, almost 50 thousand industries, 263 thousand commercial businesses and 325 thousand rural properties.

To serve all these costumers, Copel built, operates and maintain a structure comprised of its own electric power generator field with 18 power plants, 17 of which are hydroelectric plants, with a 4,549 MW installed capacity - corresponding to the production of 7% of the total electric power consumed in Brazil, one transmission system with almost 7 thousand km lines, 350 substations and 165 thousand km distribution lines enough to circle the planet at the Equator four times.

Sincerely,

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