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### **Changes in Copel's Management**

Rubens Ghilardi, economist and business administrator, who is currently Copel's Chief Distribution Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations Officer will be the new CEO of the Company replacing Paulo Pimentel, who resigned of his position to fully dedicate to the management of his corporate group.

Ghilardi will be appointed by Copel's Board of Directors and will take office on February 1, 2005, on the occasion of the Board's meeting. He will maintain the CFO and IRO positions. The new Chief Distribution Officer will be Ronald Thadeu Ravedutti, economist, who is currently Copel's Chief Corporate Management Officer. Luiz Antônio Rossafa, engineer, president of Crea/PR (Engineering and Architecture Association) and a member of Copel's Board of Directors since January 2003, will be the new Chief Corporate Management Officer.

Assis Corrêa will remain as the Chief Legal Officer and José Ivan Morozowski as Chief Generation and Transmission and Telecommunication Officer.

#### **The new CEO**

Rubens Ghilardi, 64 years old, has been working for Copel for the last 28 years. From 1987 to 1993 he was the Company's CFO. During the following 10 years, he took position as: Escelsa's (State of Espírito Santo electric power company) Financial and Corporate Officer, Binacional Itaipu's CFO and President of Fibra, Itaipu's pension fund. In May 2003 he returned to Copel as Chief Distribution Officer.

Since September 21, 2004 he has been Copel's Chief Distribution Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations Officer (remaining in this last position).

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