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**Power Market at Copel's concession area grows 1.4%  
from January to December 2004**

Power consumption market at Copel's concession area grew 1.4% between January and December 2004 in comparison to the same period of 2003.

Residential, commercial and rural consumption grew by 1.9%, 5.6% and 5.6%, respectively. The good performance of the commercial segment is mainly due to the modernization of the sector and to the implementation of new commercial businesses, which in December 2004 registered a 3.5% growth over the number of billed customers registered in the same month of the previous year. Rural segment growth is mainly due to risen exports of agriculture and agribusiness products, increasing producer's income what resulted in the acquisition of electric products.

Industrial consumption dropped 1.4% as some large unregulated ("free") customers ceased to be Copel's clients. Excluding such customers from the comparison base, industrial segment would have increased 8.5%, and the total power consumption at Copel's concession area would have risen 5.5%.

**Direct Distribution**

Segment			In GWh
	2003	2004	Change
Residential	4,381	4,467	1.9%
Industrial	7,233	7,130	(1.4%)
Commercial	2,864	3,025	5.6%
Rural	1,250	1,320	5.6%
Others	1,689	1,728	2.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,417</b>	<b>17,670</b>	<b>1.4%</b>

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