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Power market at Copel's concession area grows 2.4% in the first quarter of 2005

Power consumption market in Copel's concession area grew by 2.4% between January and March 2005.

Residential, commercial and rural consumption grew by 3.4%, 5.7% and 4.1%, respectively.

The consumption growth of the commercial segment in 1Q05 remained at 2004 levels. Such performance is a result of the increased credit offer that led a pick up in the economy and resulted in a greater number of new connections compared to the last 5 years.

The good performance of the rural segment is mainly due to the increase in the export of agricultural and agribusiness products, that resulted in higher income for rural producers and, consequently, purchase of electronic products.

Residential performance is a result of the 2.9% increase in the number of consumers, as well as the increase in the average consumption in the period (0.4% above the number recorded in the same period of 2004).

Industrial consumption, excluding unregulated ("free") consumers, was stable this quarter.

The drop at unregulated ("free") consumers is due to the ending of the Distribution agreements with consumers outside the concession area.

Direct Distribution			
Segment	1Q04	1Q05	In GWh
			Change
Residential	1,122	1,160	3.4%
Industrial	1,727	1,727	0.0%
Commercial	777	821	5.7%
Rural	349	363	4.1%
Other	422	432	2.2%
Sub-total	4,397	4,503	2.4%
Free costumers outside Paraná State	315	112	(64.4%)
Total	4,712	4,615	(2.1%)

Sincerely,

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