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Santa Clara Power Plant to be inaugurated by COPEL on September, 30th

On September 30, Friday, the Santa Clara Power Plant, an hydroelectric plant with a 120 megawatts of installed capacity, built in the Jordão river, central region of the State of Paraná, will be launched.

Santa Clara integrates an electric complex, which is complemented by the Fundão Power Plant, also with a 120 megawatts of installed capacity, and two other small hydroelectric plants incorporated to the facility that adds 5.6 megawatts to the complex. The complex has total assured power of 135.4 \overline{MW} . The Fundão Plant is scheduled to enter commercial operation in the second half of next year.

The concession belongs to Elejor – Centrais Elétricas do Rio Jordão, a company controlled by COPEL that holds 70% of Elejor's shares. Total projected capital expenditures for the construction of Santa Clara and Fundão plants amount to R\$ 480 million, including the implementation and development of 33 environmental and social projects commended by the complex's environmental impact report. Of this total amount, approximately R\$ 260 million came from the National Bank for Economic and Social Development - BNDES, through the private issue of debentures convertible into stock, which agreement was signed on April 28, 2005.

The Santa Clara power plant is already commercially operating and all its production, enough to supply the consumption of a city with 300 thousand inhabitants, is added to Copel's power system in order to directly supply the State of Paraná's market.

Sincerely,

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