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COPEL'S power market grows 3,6% in 2005

Total power consumption billed by COPEL in 2005 reached 18,696 GWh, a growth of 3.6% as compared to the previous year. If the contracts with Carbocloro and Volkswagen, which expired at the end of 2004, had been taken into account, consumption would have decreased 0.2% in the period.

Residential consumption, which accounts for 24.9% of COPEL's market, grew by 4.2% in 2005, as attested by the rate of consumption per residential customer, which reached 151.4 kWh/month in 2005, or 1.5% higher than that recorded in the previous year (149.2 kWh/month). Such growth has resulted mostly from higher sales of electronics, particularly DVD players, TV sets, and personal computers, following a credit expansion to the customers which began last year.

Commercial consumption, which accounts for 17.3% of COPEL's market, recorded the best performance among major customer categories, with a 6.8% growth. Such expansion resulted from the favorable conditions the tertiary sector has experienced. The retail business benefited from the greater availability of credit to individual consumers, from the overall increase in the number of consumers (2.5% over 2004), and from the opening of new businesses, particularly malls, which have recorded high sales figures.

The 5.2% growth in rural consumption was due mainly to the increase in average consumption which resulted from higher income for producers on account of good harvests in 2002/2003 and 2003/2004, enabling them to invest in electric machinery.

Consumption by the industrial segment (taking into account only COPEL Distribution's customers) dropped by 9.3%, due to the transfer of free customers to COPEL Generation in April 2005. However Copel's total industrial consumption grew by 1.8% through the addition of free customers supplied by COPEL Generation.

GWh

Class	2005	2004	Var %
Captive Market (1)	17.523	17.669	- 0,8%
Residential	4.653	4.467	4,2%
Industrial*	6.466	7.130	-9,3%
Commercial	3.231	3.024	6,8%
Rural	1.389	1.320	5,2%
Other	1.784	1.728	3,3%
Free customers ** (2)	1.173	371	216,2%
TOTAL COPEL (1+2)	18.696	18.041	3,6%
Carbocloro + Volkswagen *** (3)	-	696	-

* COPEL Distribution's free customers were transferred to COPEL Generation in April 2005.

** Customers supplied by COPEL Generation

*** Such drop resulted from the expiration of the agreements with Carbocloro and Volkswagen at the end of 2004.

COPEL Distribution's grid market (TUSD), comprising the captive market and all free customers within the Company's concession area, increased by 3.5% in 2005.

	GWh		
	2005	2004	Var %
Grid load (TUSD)	19.938	19.270	3,5%

Sincerely,

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