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**ABRADEE award 2006**

Copel was elected the best electric power distribution company in the South Region of Brazil at the 2006 edition of the award granted by Abradee – The Brazilian Association of Electric Power Distribution Companies, and the best company in the social responsibility category.

The award, created in 1999, comprises 8 categories and recognizes the best practices of distribution companies. This year's award was based on the evaluation of the performance of 51 concessionaires associated to Abradee, representing 99% of the Brazilian market. Copel was running for four categories: best company in Brazil, best company in the South Region, customer's evaluation and social responsibility.

Sincerely,  
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