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Copel signs contracts for the purchase of biogas-generated energy

Companhia Paranaense de Energia – COPEL, in compliance with CVM Instruction 358/2002, hereby informs the market that on February 3, 2009, it signed the first contracts in the Brazilian energy sector for the acquisition of electricity generated from the biodigestion of organic waste. There are six contracts involving a total of up to 524 kW, sufficient energy to cover 100 middle-income homes, which will be supplied by four producers: Sanepar, Cooperativa Lar, Granja Colombari and Star Milk. The contracts will extend until the end of 2012.

This pioneering initiative is backed by authorization granted by ANEEL at the end of July, 2008, as a result of successful tests carried out by Copel, in association with Itaipu.

The trials and experiments, which began in 2007, were geared towards reducing adverse environmental impacts and analyzing the technical and economical feasibility of implementing biodigestors in pig-breeding farms and using methane from the decomposition of organic matter to generate electricity to be used by the facility, with any surplus being sold to Copel Distribuição through distributed generation.

Curitiba, February 20, 2009

Sincerely,

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