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Expression of Interest in Grupo Rede

Curitiba, Brazil, October 17, 2012. Companhia Paranaense de Energia - COPEL (BM&FBOVESPA: CPLE3, CPLE5, CPLE6; NYSE: ELP; and LATIBEX: XCOP), a company that generates, transmits, distributes and sells power, in compliance with CVM Rule 358/2002, hereby announces to the market that it has filed with ANEEL a letter informing that, in partnership with Energisa S.A., it is interested in acquiring the shareholding control of Grupo Rede.

In the letter, Copel and Energisa, in the capacity of "Strategic Partners", affirm they can elaborate a duly structured proposal, with support from a worldwide renowned financial advisor, which will be, in accordance with the legal and regulatory procedures, timely submitted to the analysis of those involved in the transaction. The above-mentioned proposal establishes the initial investments to ensure the continuity of the public service of distribution of electricity and other activities and commitments arising from the concessions granted to Grupo Rede, as well as the reorganization and restructuring plan in the medium and long term.

Curitiba, October 17, 2012.

Sincerely,
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