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COPEL ANNOUNCES RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2001

Curitiba, Brazil, May 15, 2001 – Companhia Paranaense de Energia – COPEL (NYSE: ELP), a leading Brazilian utility company that generates, transmits, and distributes electric power to the State of Paraná, today announced its operating results for the first quarter of 2001. All figures included in this report are in reais (R\$) and were prepared in accordance with Brazilian GAAP (corporate law).

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Net Income:** COPEL's net income for the first quarter of 2001 amounted to R\$30.0 million, representing a profit of R\$ 0.1095 per lot of one thousand shares and an operating margin ("EBIT margin") of 25.8%.
- **Market Expansion:** During the first quarter 2001, total power consumption throughout COPEL's direct distribution area amounted to 4,314 GWh, representing an increase of 6.0% as compared to the first quarter of 2000.
- **Privatization Process:** On May 3, 2001, the Government of the State of Paraná signed the contracts with the advisors that won the International Competition Note nº 01/2001-SEFA. The contracted advisors are: for service "A", Booz Allen & Hamilton do Brasil Consultores Ltda, and for service "B", Consórcio Diamante, composed of the following companies: Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein do Brasil S/C Ltda, Banco Fator S.A., Fator Projetos e Assessoria Ltda, Ulhôa Canto, Rezende e Guerra Advogados, J.P. Engenharia Ltda.
- **Workforce :** On December 31, 2000, COPEL's workforce amounted to 6,087 employees - a 6.6% reduction when compared to the 6,514 employees for the first quarter 2001. The consumer-employee ratio, only taking into account the employees assigned to the Distribution business unit, rose to 750.
- **Dona Francisca Hydroplant:** On February 5, 2001, the first generating unit started operations. Additionally, on April 12, 2001, the second (and last) generating unit also started operations. COPEL has a 23% stake in this hydroplant, which has an installed capacity of 125 MW.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATING PERFORMANCE

COPEL's net income was R\$ 30.0 million for the first quarter 2001. Net revenues reached R\$ 505.7 million, compared to the R\$ 452.2 million reported in first quarter of 2000. This 11.8% increase reflects the 15.43% increase in tariffs effective June 24th, the direct distribution market growth (6.0%), the growth in revenues from the transmission grid, and an increase in "other operating revenues" resulting from an increase in revenues from lease of equipment, structures, consultancy services and optic fibers.

At the end of March 31, 2001, total operating expenses reached R\$ 375.3 million, an 19.6% increase over the same period last year (R\$ 313.8 million). The main reasons for this increase are due to:

- Personnel costs, that increased 25.7% due to an increase in salaries negotiated at a labor meeting on October 2000, severance costs related to the voluntary dismissal plan launched in the first quarter and to the accounting of labor claims provision.
- The "third parties" account, that increased by 42.8% as a result of technical consulting service contracts signed with LAME and SIMEPAR, the new billing system adopted by the company, the increase in legal publications and training programs for employees.
- The 23.2% increase in "electricity purchased for resale" basically reflects the exchange rate variation in the quarter.
- The 62.1% decrease in energy supply was due to the decision to not account for the estimated revenues from short term sales. This accounting depends on ASMAE short term accounting disclosure.
- The increase in "charges for the use of transmission lines" reflects a readjustment established by ANEEL's Resolution no. 167, of May 31, 2000, in the annual revenues allowed in connection with the power transmission grid (tariffs for the use of the Basic Network).
- The 18.1% increase in regulatory charges was mainly due to an increase in expenses related to financial compensation for the use of water resources. This is a result of ANEEL's resolution 583, of December 28, 2000, which updated the reference tariff, resulting in a 50.54% increase over the previous tariff.

COPEL's total customers as of March 31, 2001 reached 2,856,822, a 3.0% increase when compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

Permanent assets increased by 3.1% in the first quarter of 2001, as a result of COPEL's capital expenditures, which amounted to R\$ 104 million. Of this amount, R\$ 7 million was invested in power generation, R\$ 22 million in transmission, R\$ 69 million in distribution and R\$ 6 million in other facilities.

As of March 31, 2001, COPEL's total assets were R\$ 8.1 billion. Debt amounted to R\$ 1.5 billion, with a net debt-to-equity ratio of 0.30.

These financial results reflect the impact of the real devaluation which affected the quarter.

ADDITIONAL OPERATING INFORMATION

1. MAIN OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Generation

Number of power plants: 18 (17 hydroplants and 1 thermoplant)
Total installed capacity: 4,549 MW

Transmission

Transmission lines: 6.7 thousand km
Number of substations: 120
Transforming capacity: 18,026 MVA

Distribution

Distribution lines: 152,782 km
Number of substations: 299
Transforming capacity: 1,245 MVA
Number of consumers: 2,856,822
DEC (outage duration by consumer/year): 4:09 hours
FEC (outage frequency by consumer/year): 3.77 outages

Administration

Number of employees: 6,087
Consumer-employee ratio in the distribution branch is 750

Financial

Book Value: R\$ 18.01/ per lot of one thousand shares
EBITDA: R\$ 196.3 million
ROE: 0.6 %
Liquidity: 1.20

2. CONSUMPTION BY CLASS

Class	In GWh		
	January - March		%
	2001	2000	
Residential	1,143	1,126	1.5
Industrial	1,743	1,592	9.5
Commercial	714	660	8.2
Rural	303	291	4.1
Other	411	400	2.8
Total	4,314	4,069	6.0

3. TARIFFS (R\$/MWh)

TARIFFS	March 2001	March 2000	VAR.
Retail	110.68	98.56	12.3%
Wholesale	46.84	40.04	17.0%
Initial Contracts	33.70	33.23	1.4%
Itaipu (purchase) *	76.80	54.94	39.8%

(*) Furnas transmission tariff included

3.1 RETAIL TARIFFS (R\$/MWh)

TARIFFS	March 2001	March 2000	VAR.
Residential	166.13	145.87	13.9%
Industrial	72.85	65.27	11.6%
Commercial	133.40	119.04	12.1%
Rural	95.11	83.85	13.4%
Other	97.51	86.07	13.3%
Total Retail	110.68	98.56	12.3%

3.2 REVENUES BY CLASS (R\$ millions)

Revenues	March 2001	March 2000	VAR.
Residential	252.3	219.8	15.1%
Industrial	183.8	162.8	12.9%
Commercial	128.5	106.3	20.1%
Rural	29.1	24.4	18.8%
Other classes	49.5	43.7	13.3%
Sales to distributors	5.6	16.3	(65.3%)
Supply - short term	7.2	17.6	(59.1%)
Use of Transmission Lines	14.0	7.5	87.0%
Other	24.2	18.0	34.5%
Total	694.2	615.8	12.7%

4. ENERGY FLOW (GWh)

COPEL's Total Available Power	7,798	
Own Generation	6,405	(82.1%)
Purchased Energy	1,393	(17.9%)

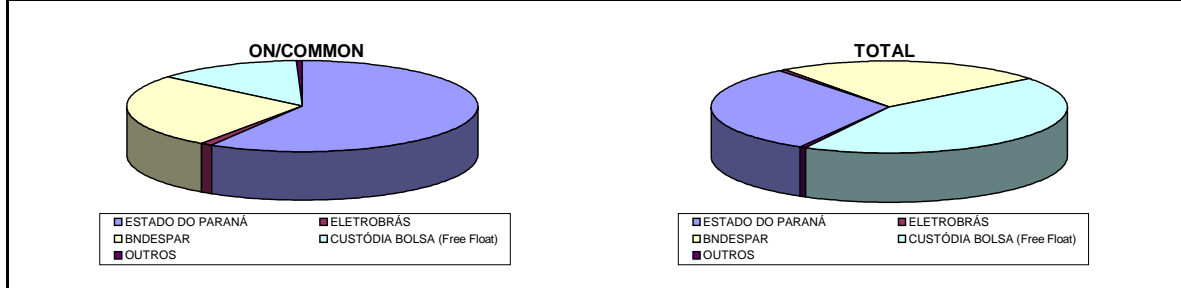
State Demand	4,422	
Retail	4,314	(97.6%)
Wholesale	108	(2.4%)

Interconnected System	2,578
Initial Supply Contracts	36
Bilateral Contracts	120
Free Customers	241
Losses	402

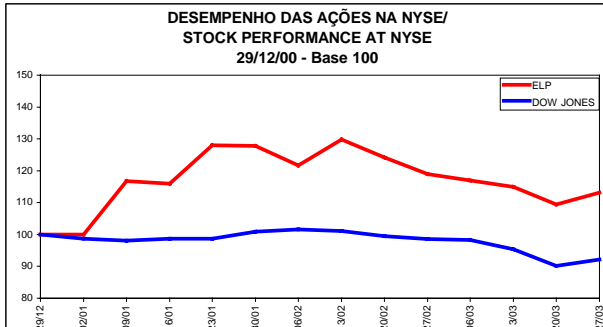
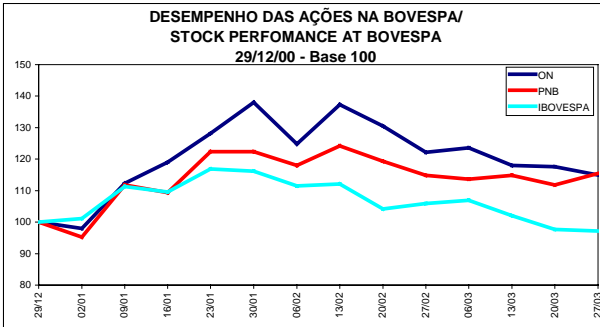
Obs.: The amounts are subjected to suffer changes after ASMAE final accounting disclosure.

5. STOCKHOLDERS (Millions of shares)

ACIONISTAS SHAREHOLDERS	Milhões de ações/Millions of shares							
	ON COMMON	%	PNA PREFERRED "A"	%	PNB PREFERRED "B"	%	TOTAL	%
ESTADO DO PARANÁ	85.028	58,6	-	-	-	-	85.028	31,1
ELETROBRÁS	1.531	1,1	-	-	-	-	1.531	0,6
BNDESPAR	38.299	26,4	-	-	28.511	22,2	66.810	24,4
CUSTÓDIA BOLSA (Free Float)	19.270	13,3	125	29,4	99.576	77,7	118.971	43,5
No Brasil	18.923	13,0	125	29,4	43.064	33,6	62.112	22,7
ADS's	347	0,2	-	-	56.512	44,1	56.859	20,8
OUTROS	903	0,6	300	70,6	112	0,1	1.315	0,5
TOTAL	145.031	100,0	425	100,0	128.199	100,0	273.655	100,0



6. STOCK PERFORMANCE



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7. DEBT PROFILE			
DEBT PROFILE – As of March 31, 2001			
(R\$ thousands)	SHORT-TERM	LONG -TERM	TOTAL
FOREIGN CURRENCY			
Turnkey	24,914	-	24,914
Eurobonds	13,349	324,240	337,589
IDB	19,165	166,204	185,369
National Treasury	8,423	138,303	146,726
Euro Commercial Paper	133,331	-	133,331
ELETROBRÁS	6,150	8,507	14,657
Banco do Brasil S.A	4,344	31,773	36,117
Dresdner Bank	18,772	-	18,772
Total	228,448	669,027	897,475
DOMESTIC CURRENCY			
ELETROBRÁS	40,992	440,275	481,267
BNDES	4,716	17,296	22,012
FINAME	1,810	0	1,810
FINEP	4,845	7,176	12,021
Turnkey	9,699	5,075	14,774
Other	2,424	3,988	6,412
Fundação COPEL	16,954	25,431	42,385
Total	81,440	499,241	580,681
Total	309,888	1,168,268	1,478,156

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AS OF AND FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2001 and 2000

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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	In Corporate Law		In Price-Level Accounting	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	302,077	313,833	302,077	345,359
Accounts receivable	449,872	339,843	448,011	372,312
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(6,176)	(9,464)	(6,176)	(10,415)
Services in progress	6,445	7,326	6,445	8,062
Recoverable Rate Deficit (CRC)	20,725	22,223	20,725	24,455
Prepayment of value-added tax (ICMS)	-	114,307	-	125,790
Taxes and social contributions paid in advance	12,623	3,980	12,848	4,380
Materials and supplies	15,739	13,122	16,103	14,918
Prepaid expenses and other	49,886	30,844	49,886	33,942
	851,191	836,014	849,919	918,803
Long-Term Assets				
Recoverable Rate Deficit (CRC)	654,518	605,600	654,518	666,435
Deferred income tax and social contribution tax	223,570	195,945	223,570	215,628
Judicial deposits	49,768	65,293	49,768	71,852
Other noncurrent assets	68,019	26,992	68,019	29,704
	995,875	893,830	995,875	983,619
Permanent				
Investments	360,518	330,518	466,572	437,977
Property, plant and equipment	5,912,779	5,752,863	8,322,645	8,309,420
	6,273,297	6,083,381	8,789,217	8,747,397
Total Assets	8,120,363	7,813,225	10,635,011	10,649,819

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	In Corporate Law		In Price-Level Accounting	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
Current				
Loans and financing	309,888	302,018	309,888	332,357
Suppliers	93,170	93,099	93,170	102,451
Taxes and social contributions	60,163	86,094	60,163	94,393
Proposed Dividends	82,733	101,793	82,733	112,018
Accrued payroll costs	45,583	41,235	45,583	45,377
Regulatory charges	38,746	30,018	37,329	31,927
Other current liabilities	76,969	58,383	76,829	64,103
	707,252	712,640	705,695	782,626
Long-Term Liabilities				
Loans and financing	1,168,268	1,093,515	1,168,268	1,203,363
Pension plan obligation	491,804	478,154	491,804	526,186
Taxes and social contributions	191,308	148,133	191,308	163,014
Deferred income taxes	-	-	848,986	697,993
Other liabilities	58,610	115,655	55,834	122,293
	1,909,990	1,835,457	2,756,200	2,712,849
Special liabilities	575,006	536,768	575,006	590,689
	2,484,996	2,372,225	3,331,206	3,303,538
Shareholders' Equity				
Capital stock	1,620,247	1,620,247	2,457,377	2,457,377
Capital reserves	1,546,446	1,546,446	2,477,572	2,477,572
Income reserves	1,761,422	1,561,667	1,663,161	1,628,706
	4,928,115	4,728,360	6,598,110	6,563,655
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	8,120,363	7,813,225	10,635,011	10,649,819



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INCOME STATEMENT	In Corporate Law		In Price-Level Accounting	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
Operating Revenues				
Electricity sales to final customers	643,146	556,403	640,289	605,020
Electricity sales to distributors	12,851	33,880	11,390	35,842
Use of transmission plant	14,027	7,501	14,010	8,098
Other revenues	24,224	18,010	24,359	19,679
Deductions from operating revenues	(188,589)	(163,634)	(190,282)	(180,730)
Net sales	505,659	452,160	499,766	487,909
Operating Expenses				
Personnel and pension plan	87,419	70,043	87,281	73,183
Materials and supplies	9,017	7,326	8,703	6,411
Third-party services	30,473	21,336	29,369	22,227
Electricity purchased for resale	121,601	100,259	122,696	110,779
Depreciation and amortization	65,996	63,803	96,530	92,010
Regulatory charges	47,800	40,488	47,674	43,893
Other expenses	13,029	10,546	13,058	11,542
	375,335	313,801	405,311	360,045
Operating Income	130,324	138,359	94,455	127,864
Equity in results of investees	310	1,527	310	1,680
Other income (expense)				
Financial income (expense), net	(82,558)	13,774	(59,212)	33,379
Nonoperating expense, net	(3,565)	(5,658)	(6,883)	(6,236)
	(86,123)	8,116	(66,095)	27,143
Income Before Taxes and Participation	44,511	148,002	28,670	156,687
Income tax and social contribution tax	(14,550)	(47,193)	(9,164)	(49,833)
Net Income for the Year	29,961	100,809	19,506	106,854
Net Income per Thousand Outstanding Shares at March 31, 2001	0.1095	0.3684	0.0713	0.3905

Presentation of Financial Statements:

The accompanying summarized financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions set forth by the Brazilian corporate law, the Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission (Comissão de Valores Mobiliários - CVM) and specific legislation applicable to electric utilities, taking into account that (i) the elimination of accounting for the effects of inflation, for tax and financial reporting purposes, as per Law nº 9249/1995 eliminated as of January 1st, 1996, and (ii) the presentation of quarterly and annual financial statements in accordance with Brazilian corporate law methods, which no longer accounts for the effects of inflation and allow for the use of price-level accounting methods, as per CVM Instruction nº 248/1996, dated March 19th, 1996, and CVM's Instruction nº 191/1992, respectively.

COPEL has decided to present its financial statements in price-level accounting, in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles in Brazil and CVM standards.

These standards require that all transactions and balances recorded in a company's statutory accounts under corporate law method be monetarily restated to reflect the changes caused by inflation from the date they occurred or were generated to the latest balance sheet date.

Accordingly, all relevant non-monetary assets and liabilities and shareholders' equity accounts and all components of the statements of income in price-level accounting related to 2001 and 2000 were monetarily restated to reflect the change in inflation to March 31, 2001, based on the IGP-DI index (Alternative General Price index).