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COPEL ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER 2002 RESULTS

(Curitiba, Brazil) May 15, 2002 – 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 results for first quarter 2002. 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 2002 amounted to R\$ 141.8 million, representing a profit of R\$ 0.518 per lot of one thousand shares and an operating (EBIT) margin of 37.5%. COPEL'S EBITDA reached R\$ 307.7 million.
- **Market Expansion:** From January through March 2002, the total power consumption throughout COPEL's direct distribution area amounted to 4,228 GWh, a decrease of 2.0% when compared to the same period last year, due to the voluntary energy savings of our customers.
- **Interest on capital:** At the General Shareholders' Meeting in April 2002, the total amount of interest on capital declared over the 2001 results was R\$ 170 million. An advance distribution in the amount of R\$ 80 million was paid in October 2001. Payment of the remaining balance of interest on the Company's own capital, or R\$ 90 million, will be made starting on June 3, 2002.
- **Eurobonds:** On May, 2002, COPEL's renegotiated its US\$ 150 million eurobonds issued on 1997 through a Syndicated Loan. With this operation, the maturity date of the bonds remains unchanged at May 2005.

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- **Debentures:** On May 2002, COPEL issued debentures in the domestic market which was oversubscribed, and raised R\$ 500 million. The proceeds will be used to pay an Euro Commercial Paper tranche issued in May 2001, totaling US\$ 67 million, and fund part of the capital expenditure program for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- **Latibex:** On April 19, the Board of Directors approved, management proposal to list COPEL's shares at Latibex, the Madrid stock exchange that represents Latin American companies' shares. This listing is part of company's strategy to increase its exposure abroad and to provide investors in Europe with another option to trade COPEL's shares.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATING PERFORMANCE

COPEL's net income was R\$ 141.8 million for the first quarter 2002. Net revenues reached R\$ 632.7 million, compared to the R\$ 505.7 million reported for the same period of 2001. This 25.1% increase reflects the 17.31% increase in retail tariffs effective June 24th, 2001, power sales on the wholesale power market – MAE (R\$ 75.8 million) and the increase in wholesale tariffs occurred in 2001.

Although the South Region was not included in the National Rationing Program, the 2.0% market decrease reflects the voluntary energy savings of Copel's residential and commercial customers, who consumed 7.1% and 5.1% less energy, respectively, when compared to the first quarter of last year. This was partially offset by the 2.7% increase in consumption by the industrial segment. COPEL's total customers as of March 31, 2001 reached 2,952,265, a 3.3% increase when compared to the same period of the previous year.

At the end of March 31, 2002, total operating expenses reached R\$ 395.2 million, a 5.3% increase over the same period last year (375.3 million). The main reason for this increase was the 19.1% increase in "electricity purchased for resale" which basically reflects the exchange rate variation from the first quarter 2001 to the first quarter 2002, since the energy that COPEL purchases from Itaipu is denominated in dollars.

The 61.7% decrease in financial expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 compared to the same period last year, reflects the stability of the Real during this quarter. In this regard, the accumulated exchange rate variation from January to March 2002 was 0.1%. When compared to the same period in the previous year, because of the significant exchange rate variation, which reached 10.5% at March 31, 2001, the company accounted for higher monetary variation expenses.

Permanent assets increased by 1.9% for the first quarter of 2002, as a result of the investments in the Company's Capex.

The capital expenditures for the quarter amounted to R\$ 97.3 million. Of this amount, R\$ 26.7 million was invested in power generation, R\$ 6.5 million in transmission, R\$ 25.7 million in distribution, R\$ 3.3 million in telecom and R\$ 35.1 million in partnerships.

As of March 31, 2002, COPEL's total assets were R\$ 9.0 billion. Debt amounted to R\$ 1.4 billion, with a net debt-to-equity ratio of 27.4%.

Mr. Ricardo Portugal Alves, the Company's CFO and IRO mentioned that "the Company's results were in-line with the managements expectations and reflect the effects of the voluntary energy savings, brought about by the National Rationing Program. The main targets of the Company, in financial terms, were reached. The Company rolled over its Eurobonds and issued R\$ 500 million in Debentures that will make feasible Copel's Capex program for the next three years. Beyond that, with the debentures proceeds, we were able to pay US\$ 67 million of a Euro Commercial Paper tranche on May 17."

ADDITIONAL OPERATING INFORMATION

1. MAIN OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (As of March 31, 2002)

Generation

Number of power plants: 18 (17 hydroplants and 1 thermoplant)
Total installed capacity: 4,548 MW

Transmission

Transmission lines: 6,763 km
Number of substations: 124
Number of automated substations: 113
Transforming capacity in substations: 16,394 MVA

Distribution

Distribution lines: 156,871 km
Number of substations: 233
Number of automated substations: 127
Transforming capacity in substations: 1,272 MVA
Transforming capacity in transformers: 6,109 MVA
Number of consumers: 2,952,265
DEC (outage duration by consumer/year): 3:44 hours
FEC (outage frequency by consumer/year): 4.00 outages

Administration

Number of employees: 5,837
Consumer/employee ratio in the distribution branch is: 736

Financial

Book Value: R\$ 18.96 per lot of one thousand shares
EBITDA: R\$ 307.7 million
ROE: 2.7% per quarter
Liquidity: 1.22

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2. CONSUMPTION BY SEGMENT

Segment	In GWh		
	January - March		%
	2002	2001	
Residential	1,062	1,143	-7.1
Industrial	1,790	1,743	2.7
Commercial	677	714	-5.1
Rural	303	303	0.1
Others	395	411	-3.9
Total	4,228	4,314	-2.0

3. TARIFFS (R\$/MWh)

TARIFFS	March 2002	March 2001	%
Retail	126.79	110.18	15.1
Initial Contracts	52.63	46.79	12.5
Itaipu (purchase) (*)	82.67	76.80	7.6

(*) Furnas transmission tariff included

3.1 RETAIL TARIFFS (R\$/MWh)

TARIFFS	March 2002	March 2001	%
Residential	194.23	166.18	16.9
Industrial	83.73	72.86	14.9
Commercial	156.74	133.47	17.4
Rural	110.89	95.12	16.6
Others	113.96	91.80	24.1
Total Retail	126.79	110.18	15.1

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3.2 GROSS REVENUES BY SEGMENT (R\$ thousands)

Revenues	March 2002	March 2001	%
Residential	281,786	252,299	11.7
Industrial	222,776	183,781	21.2
Commercial	146,755	128,542	14.2
Rural	33,880	29,054	16.6
Other classes	59,038	49,470	19.3
Supply	91,966	12,851	615.6
Use of Transmission Lines	10,874	14,027	-22.5
Telecom Revenues	9,618	-	-
Others	14,073	24,224	-41.9
Total	870,766	694,248	25.4

4. ENERGY FLOW (GWh)

COPEL's Total Available Power	5,934	
Own Generation	4,652	(78,4%)
Purchased Energy	1,282	(21,6%)

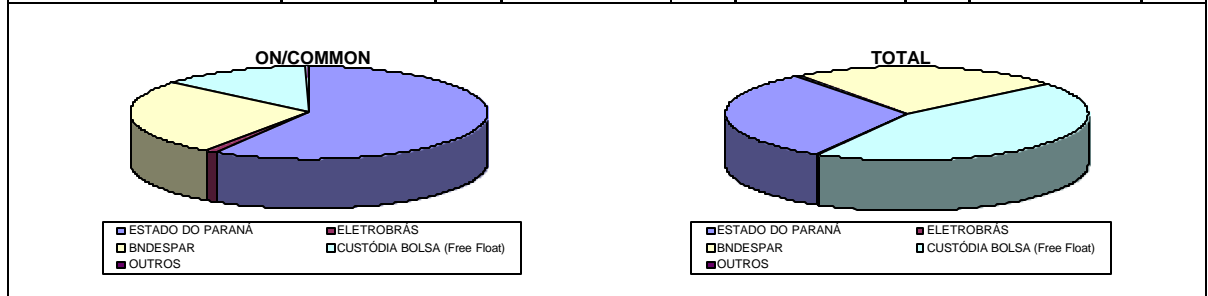
State Demand	4,339	
Retail	4,228	(97.5%)
Wholesale	111	(2.5%)

Initial Supply Contracts	35
Bilateral Contracts	161
Free Customers	252
Others	803
Losses and Differences	344

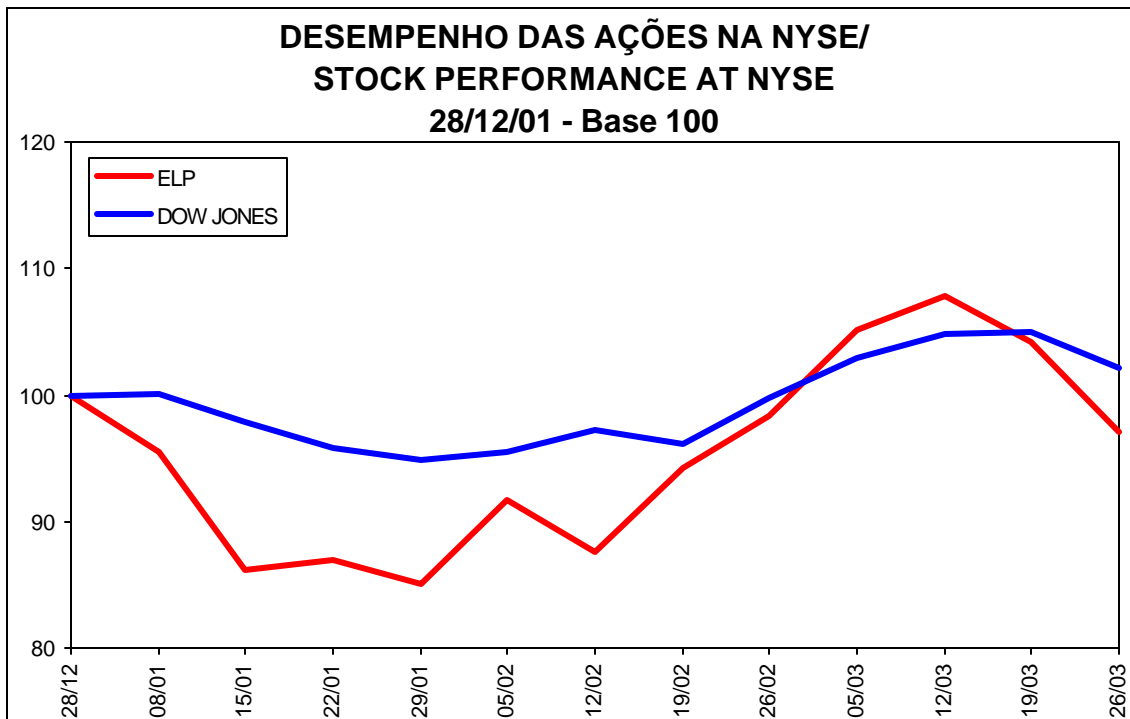
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5. STOCKHOLDERS - as of March 31, 2002

Milhões de ações/Millions of shares								
ACIONISTAS SHAREHOLDERS	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	-	-	27.911	21,8	66.210	24,2
CUSTÓDIA BOLSA (Free Float)	19.605	13,5	122	29,6	100.183	78,1	119.910	43,8
No Brasil	19.311	13,3	122	29,6	50.219	39,2	69.652	25,5
ADS's	294	0,2	-	-	49.963	39,0	50.257	18,4
OUTROS	568	0,4	290	70,4	118	0,1	976	0,4
TOTAL	145.031	100,0	412	100,0	128.212	100,0	273.655	100,0



6. STOCK PERFORMANCE



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7. DEBT PROFILE – As of March 31, 2002	(R\$ thousands)		
	SHORT-TERM	LONG -TERM	TOTAL
FOREIGN CURRENCY			
Eurobonds	14,254	348,540	362,794
IDB	21,844	156,543	178,387
National Treasury	7,087	145,247	152,334
Euro Commercial Paper	155,602	-	155,602
ELETROBRÁS	7,818	1,923	9,741
Banco do Brasil S.A	4,378	28,177	32,555
Total	210,983	680,430	891,413
DOMESTIC CURRENCY			
ELETROBRÁS	53,548	412,105	465,653
BNDES	4,860	13,131	17,991
FINAME	-	-	-
FINEP	4,991	2,476	7,467
Turnkey	3,993	1,298	5,291
Fundação COPEL	20,503	9,837	30,340
Other	953	3,081	4,034
Total	88,848	441,928	530,776
Total	299,831	1,122,358	1,422,189



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SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF AND FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2002 and 2001

Translation from the original in portuguese (amounts expressed in thousands of Brazilian Reals)

ASSETS	Company	Consolidated	Company
	2002	2002	2001
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	64.516	216.115	302.077
Accounts receivable	37.130	727.934	475.149
Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	(4.467)	(6.176)
Services in progress	1.362	11.873	6.445
Recoverable Rate Deficit (CRC)	-	52.471	20.725
Taxes and social contributions paid in advance	18.444	19.662	12.621
Materials and supplies	-	18.333	15.739
Deferred rate costs	-	145.800	-
Prepaid expenses and other	154	21.432	24.611
	121.606	1.209.153	851.191
Long-Term Assets			
Recoverable Rate Deficit (CRC)	-	700.353	654.518
Deferred income tax and social contribution tax	92.459	295.256	223.570
Judicial deposits	43.180	60.926	49.768
Intercompany receivable	785.571	40.571	38.301
Deferred rate costs	-	169.787	-
Other noncurrent assets	-	88.285	30.176
	921.210	1.355.178	996.333
Permanent			
Investments	5.192.691	477.150	360.060
Property, plant and equipment	-	5.914.721	5.912.779
	5.192.691	6.391.871	6.272.839
Total Assets	6.235.507	8.956.202	8.120.363

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	Company	Consolidated	Company
	2002	2002	2001
Current Liabilities			
Loans and financing	176.943	299.831	309.888
Suppliers	403	277.041	93.170
Taxes and social contributions	51.000	195.268	60.163
Dividends proposed	56.080	56.079	82.733
Accrued payroll costs	3.035	63.763	45.583
Regulatory charges	-	29.198	38.746
Other current liabilities	150	67.865	76.969
	287.611	989.045	707.252
Long-Term Liabilities			
Loans and financing	493.787	1.122.358	1.168.268
Pension plan and other post-retirement benefits	-	641.920	491.804
Taxes and social contributions	266.875	292.954	191.308
Intercompany payable	-	-	-
Provision for contingencies and other liabilities	-	116.764	58.610
	760.662	2.173.996	1.909.990
Special liabilities	-	605.927	575.006
	760.662	2.779.923	2.484.996
Shareholders' Equity			
Capital stock	1.620.247	1.620.247	1.620.247
Capital reserves	1.548.328	1.548.328	1.546.446
Income reserves	2.018.659	2.018.659	1.761.422
	5.187.234	5.187.234	4.928.115

Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity

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STATEMENT OF INCOME	Company	Consolidated	Company
	2002	2002	2001
Operating Revenues			
Electricity sales to final customers	-	744.235	643.146
Electricity sales to distributors	-	91.966	12.851
Use of transmission plant	-	10.874	14.027
Telecom revenues	-	9.618	-
Other revenues	-	14.073	24.224
Deductions from operating revenues	-	(238.110)	(188.589)
Net sales	-	632.656	505.659
Operating Expenses			
Personnel, pension plan and other post-retirement benefits	647	98.629	87.419
Materials and supplies	1	10.669	9.017
Third-party services	2.415	32.575	30.473
Electricity purchased for resale	-	140.552	121.601
Depreciation and amortization	-	70.171	65.996
Regulatory charges	-	41.606	47.800
Other expenses	22	952	13.029
	3.085	395.154	375.335
Operating Income	(3.085)	237.502	130.324
Equity in results of investees	187.160	1.985	310
Other income (expense)			
Financial income (expense), net	(2.013)	(15.256)	(82.558)
Nonoperating expense, net	(3)	(13.473)	(3.565)
Income Before Taxes and Participation	182.059	210.758	44.511
Income tax and social contribution tax	(40.222)	(68.921)	(14.550)
Net Income for the Period	141.837	141.837	29.961
Net Income per Thousand Outstanding Shares at Period	0,5183	0,5183	0,1095

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) Law nº 9249/1995 eliminated as from January 1st, 1996, for tax and financial reporting purposes, accounting for the effects of inflation, and (ii) CVM Instruction nº 248/1996, dated March 19th, 1996, also stated that quarterly and annual financial statements should be prepared in accordance with the corporate law methods, which no longer accounts for the effects of inflation.

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WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2002
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A S S E T S	COPEL	COPEL	COPEL	COPEL	COPEL
	Geração S.A.	Transmissão S.A.	Distribuição S.A.	Telecomunicações S.A.	Participações S.A.
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	122.389	2.098	23.582	3.447	83
Accounts receivable	270.538	20.531	564.252	3.441	8.252
Recoverable Rate Deficit (CRC)	-	-	52.471	-	-
Taxes and social contributions paid in advance	630	3.242	6.903	479	392
Materials and supplies	-	6.987	9.579	1.767	-
Deferred rate costs	-	-	145.800	-	-
Prepaid expenses and other	5.025	3.562	11.749	830	112
	398.582	36.420	814.336	9.964	8.839
Long-Term Assets					
Recoverable Rate Deficit (CRC)	-	-	700.353	-	-
Deferred income tax and social contribution	41.547	34.537	117.430	7.721	1.562
Judicial deposits	1.870	3.480	12.330	66	-
Intercompany receivable	40.318	7.981	-	-	-
Deferred rate costs	-	-	169.787	-	-
Other noncurrent assets	22.804	8.043	55.958	1.480	-
	106.539	54.041	1.055.858	9.267	1.562
Permanent					
Investments	5.982	2.312	526	-	424.401
Property, plant and equipment	3.208.158	895.195	1.669.670	141.404	294
	3.214.140	897.507	1.670.196	141.404	424.695
Total Assets	3.719.261	987.968	3.540.390	160.635	435.096

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	COPEL	COPEL	COPEL	COPEL	COPEL
	Geração S.A.	Transmissão S.A.	Distribuição S.A.	Telecomunicações S.A.	Participações S.A.
Current Liabilities					
Loans and financing	80.071	17.587	202.172	-	-
Suppliers	10.302	1.495	396.215	1.794	30
Taxes and social contributions	84.230	497	69.521	447	1
Dividends proposed	25.623	-	-	-	9.859
Accrued payroll costs	10.595	9.818	36.537	3.247	532
Pension plan and other post-retirement benefits	6.957	5.890	21.410	1.320	64
Regulatory charges	9.541	586	19.045	26	-
Customers and other liabilities	8.624	42	24.794	4	3
	235.943	35.915	769.694	6.838	10.489
Long-Term Liabilities					
Loans and financing	849.320	129.294	143.744	-	-
Pension plan and other post-retirement benefits	125.511	115.374	374.574	25.282	1.179
Taxes and social contributions	9.317	-	16.762	-	-
Intercompany payable	-	-	35.717	19.296	67.647
Provision for contingencies and other liabilities	4.857	10.989	100.581	337	-
	989.005	255.657	671.378	44.915	68.826
Special liabilities	-	7.139	598.788	-	-
	989.005	262.796	1.270.166	44.915	68.826
Shareholders' Equity					
Capital stock	2.338.932	751.989	1.607.168	120.650	330.718
Income reserves	155.381	(62.732)	(106.638)	(11.768)	25.063
	2.494.313	689.257	1.500.530	108.882	355.781
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	3.719.261	987.968	3.540.390	160.635	435.096

STATEMENT OF INCOME
AS OF AND FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2002
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	COPEL Geração S.A.	COPEL Transmissão S.A.	COPEL Distribuição S.A.	COPEL Telecomunicações S.A.	COPEL Participações S.A.
Operating Revenues					
Electricity sales to final customers	3.149	-	741.505	-	-
Electricity sales to distributors	232.461	-	63.856	-	-
Use of transmission plant	-	42.915	64	-	-
Telecom revenues	-	-	-	16.755	-
Equity in results of investees	-	-	-	-	783
Other revenues	2.798	711	10.842	-	-
Deductions from operating revenues	(15.569)	(3.173)	(217.457)	(1.911)	(3)
Net Sales	222.839	40.453	598.810	14.844	780
Operating Expenses					
Personnel, pension plan and other benefits	16.432	15.330	61.100	4.532	588
Materials, supplies and third-party services	10.468	3.341	33.239	1.168	447
Electricity purchased for resale	8.110	-	368.898	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	25.113	8.399	32.399	4.249	11
Regulatory charges and other expenses	12.694	1.484	29.124	343	(1.109)
	72.817	28.554	524.760	10.292	(63)
Activities Income	150.022	11.899	74.050	4.552	843
Financial Result					
Financial income	3.638	524	22.538	128	86
Financial expense	(23.135)	(2.775)	(12.510)	(141)	(390)
	(19.497)	(2.251)	10.028	(13)	(304)
Operating Income	130.525	9.648	84.078	4.539	539
Nonoperating expense, net	(8.011)	(3.299)	(2.150)	(10)	-
Income Before Taxes and Participation	122.514	6.349	81.928	4.529	539
Income tax and social contribution tax	(9.179)	(871)	(17.763)	(1.282)	396
Net Income for the Period	113.335	5.478	64.165	3.247	935

