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COPEL ANNOUNCES RESULTS FOR FIRST HALF 2002

Curitiba, Brazil, August 15, 2002 – Companhia Paranaense de Energia – COPEL (NYSE: ELP / LATIBEX: X COP / BOVESPA: CPL3, CPL6), a leading Brazilian utility company that generates, transmits, and distributes electric power to the State of Paraná, today announced its operating results for the six months of 2002. All figures included in this report are in reais (R\$) and were prepared in accordance with Brazilian GAAP (corporate law).

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Net Income:** Net income for the first half of 2002 amounted to R\$ 88.4 million, representing a profit of R\$ 0.32 per lot of one thousand shares and an “EBITDA margin” of 40.7%.

- **Market Expansion:** From January through June 2002, total power consumption throughout COPEL’s direct distribution area amounted to 8,676 GWh, representing an increase of 0.8% over the same period in 2001. However, total power consumption was 6.0% higher in June 2002 than in June 2001.

- **Capital Raising:** In May 2002, COPEL successfully re-negotiated to extend the terms of all of its Eurobonds, in the amount of US\$ 150 million, by three years, at a rate of 9.60% a year, through a syndicated loan, and completed a second issuance of non-convertible debentures in the amount of R\$ 500 million, split in three series. Series 1 and 2, amounting to R\$ 100 million each, are indexed to the CDI (Interbank Deposit Certificate) rate plus a spread of 1.75% a year. Series 3, amounting to R\$ 300 million, is indexed to the IGP-M inflation index plus a spread of 13.25% a year. Also in May 2002, COPEL paid a tranche of its Euro Commercial Paper in the amount of US\$ 67.2 million (R\$ 167 million). With this capital raising and debt rollover, and after the euro commercial paper payment, the Company has lengthened the term of its debt profile and reduced its exposure to the US dollar. On March 2002, of Copel’s total debt was in foreign currency, and 37.3% in domestic currency. By the end of June 2002, these percentages changed to 46.6% (foreign currency debt) and 53.6% (domestic currency debt).

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- **The Abradee Award:** For the third time in four years and the second time in a row, COPEL was named the best power distribution company in Brazil. This award is sponsored annually by the Brazilian Association of Power Distribution Companies – ABRADÉE.

- **Latibex:** Since June 19th 2002, COPEL's stock has been traded on the European financial market. The Company's debut on the old continent took place on Latibex, an exchange linked to the Madrid Stock Exchange in Spain, where securities from Latin-American companies are traded in Euros.

- **Cien** – On May 1st 2002, Cien's first line to COPEL entered commercial operation. The amount of power contracted by COPEL, in the first stage of the project, is 400 MW. The second Cien line, which provides COPEL with an additional 400 MW, entered in operation on August 1st 2002.

- **Rate Increase:** Under ANEEL Resolution no. 336, dated June 20th 2002 and effective June 24th 2002, COPEL Distribution's rates for sales to final customers were increased by 10.96%.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATING PERFORMANCE

COPEL's net income was R\$ 88.4 million for the first six months of 2002. Net revenues reached R\$ 1.3 billion, compared to the R\$ 1.0 billion reported in same period of 2001. This 19.4% increase reflects the 17.31% increase in retail tariffs effective June 24th, 2001 and the increase in wholesale tariffs occurred in 2001. The operating results reached R\$ 153.9 million, a 40% growth over the same period last year.

The market grew 0.8% when compared to the first semester last year. This poor growth reflects the voluntary energy savings of our residential and commercial customers, who consumed 3.3% and 0.5% less energy, respectively, compared to the same period last year. If we compare the month June 2002 with June 2001, the market increase was 6.0%, with very good growth rates for the residential class (3.5%), industrial class (8.6%) and commercial class (5.4%). This positive increase reflects the recovery of consumption following the voluntary energy savings.

COPEL's total customers as of June 30, 2002 reached 2,972,028, a 2.8% increase when compared to the same period of the previous year.

At the end of June 30, 2002, total operating expenses reached R\$ 882.7 million, a 11.8% increase over the same period last year (789.6 million). The main reasons for this increase are:

- The R\$ 45.4 million registered in pension fund basically reflects, from 2002 on, the accounting of the increased provisions for liabilities, caused by actuarial computation, in accordance with Brazilian rules (CVM Resolution n. 371/2001).

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- The 43.1% increase in “electricity purchased for resale” basically reflects the purchase of energy from CIEN and the exchange rate variation in this period, since the energy that COPEL purchases from Itaipu is priced in dollars.
- Other operating expenses decreased 33.8% if compared to the same period last year. This variation occurred due to the accounting of R\$ 12.8 million, in the second quarter 2001, as additional provision for the Cofins charges.

The increase in financial expenses in this semester compared to the same period last year, reflects basically the devaluation of the Real, causing the company to account monetary variation.

Permanent assets increased by 1.3 % in the first six months of 2002, as a result of the increase in COPEL's investments in its partnerships.

The capital expenditures for the semester amounted to R\$ 159.3 million. Of this amount, R\$ 31.7 million was invested in power generation, R\$ 13.7 million in transmission, R\$ 60.9 million in distribution, R\$ 8.9 in Telecom and R\$ 44.1 million in partnerships.

As of June 30, 2002, COPEL's total assets were R\$ 9.5 billion. Debt amounted to R\$ 1.95 billion, with a net debt-to-equity ratio of 38.0%.

“The Company's results reflect the effects of the voluntary energy savings, brought about by the National Rationing Program, as well as the exchange rate variation that occurred this semester. From January through June, the Real devalued by 22.58% in relation to the US dollar. Of this amount 22.41% happened in just the second quarter”, said Mr. Ricardo Portugal Alves.

ADDITIONAL OPERATING INFORMATION

1. MAIN OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (As of June 30, 2002)

Generation

- Number of power plants: 18 (17 hydroplants and 1 thermoplant)
- Total installed capacity: 4,548 MW
- Number of automated power plants: 14
- Number of substations: 14
- Number of automated substations: 11
- Transforming capacity: 2,299 MVA

Transmission

- Transmission lines: 6,766 km
- Number of substations: 122
- Number of automated substations: 113
- Transforming capacity: 14,528 MVA

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Distribution

Distribution lines: 158,012 km
 Number of substations: 225
 Number of automated substations: 133
 Transforming capacity: 1,334 MVA
 Number of consumers: 2,972,028
 DEC (outage duration by consumer/year): 6:22 hours
 FEC (outage frequency by consumer/year): 6.67 outages

Administration

Number of employees: 5,798
 Consumer/employee ratio in the distribution branch is 747

Financial

Book Value: R\$ 18.76/ per lot of one thousand shares
 EBITDA: R\$ 509.1 million
 ROE: 1.7% per semester
 Liquidity: 1,78

2. CONSUMPTION BY CLASS

Class	In GWh					
	June			January – June		
	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%
Residential	356	345	3.5	2,167	2,240	-3.3
Industrial	641	590	8.6	3,698	3,557	4.0
Commercial	214	203	5.4	1,378	1,386	-0.5
Rural	100	92	8.1	618	597	3.5
Other	138	137	0.7	815	831	-2.0
Total	1,449	1,367	6.0	8,676	8,611	0.8

3. TARIFFS (R\$/MWh)

TARIFFS	June 2001	June 2002	% change
Retail	113.76	130.51	14.7
Supply to small power utilities	49.01	55.46	13.2
Itaipu (purchase) *	84.41	103.69	22.8

(*) Furnas transmission tariff included

3.1 RETAIL TARIFFS (R\$/MWh)

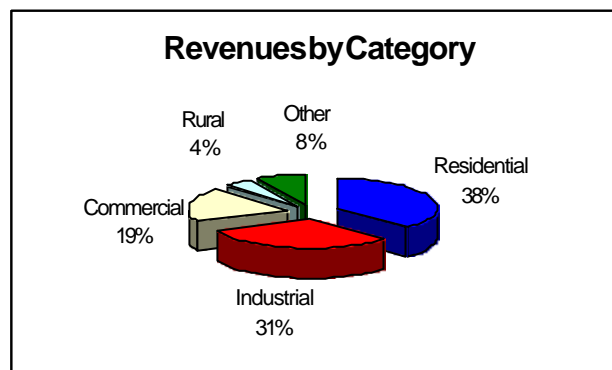
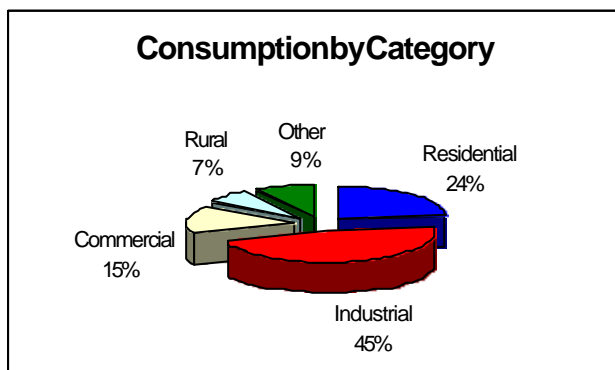
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TARIFFS	June 2001	June 2002	% change
Residential	166.41	194.41	16.8
Industrial	79.31	90.44	14.0
Commercial	141.35	160.69	13.7
Rural	96.01	111.68	16.3
Other	100.71	118.27	17.4
Total Retail	113.76	130.51	14.7

3.2 GROSS REVENUES BY CLASS (R\$ thousands)

Revenues	June 2002	June 2001	% change
Residential	575,237	490,159	17.4
Industrial	474,728	381,194	24.5
Commercial	300,085	251,700	19.2
Rural	69,083	57,300	20.6
Other classes	124,410	102,180	21.8
Supply	99,540	64,068	55.4
Use of Transmission Lines	55,842	27,173	105.5
Other	47,982	51,581	(7.0)
Total	1,746,907	1,425,355	22.6



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4. ENERGY FLOW (GWh)

COPEL's Total Available Power	12,299
Own Generation	8,946 (72.7%)
Purchased Energy	3,352 (27.3%)
State Demand	8,878
Retail	8,676 (97.7%)
Wholesale	202 (2.3%)
Initial Supply Contracts	70
Bilateral Contracts	302
Other	1,856
Free Customers	543
Losses	650

5. STOCKHOLDERS (Millions of shares) as of June 30, 2002

ACIONISTAS SHAREHOLDERS	Milhões de ações/Millions of shares							
	ON COMMON	%	PNA PREFERRED "A"	%	PNB PREFERRED "B"	%	TOTAL	%
ESTADODO PARANÁ	85.028	58,6	-	-	-	-	85.028	31,1
ELETRORÁS	1.531	1,1	-	-	-	-	1.531	0,6
BNDSPAR	38.299	26,4	-	-	27.911	21,8	66.210	24,2
CUSTÓDIA BOLSA (Free Float)	19.606	13,5	122	30,0	100.173	78,1	119.901	43,8
No Brasil	19.261	13,3	122	30,0	51.432	40,1	70.815	25,9
ADS's	345	0,2	-	-	48.741	38,0	49.086	17,9
OUTROS	567	0,4	285	70,0	133	0,1	985	0,4
TOTAL	145.031	100,0	407	100,0	128.217	100,0	273.655	100,0

ON/Common

TOTAL

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6. DEBT PROFILE (June 30,2002)

	(R\$thousands)		
	Short Term	Long Term	Total
FOREIGN CURRENCY			
EUROBONDS	6,818	426,660	433,478
IDB	31,970	203,396	235,366
NATIONAL TREASURY	6,356	175,708	182,064
ELETROBRÁS	9,675	76	9,751
BANCO DO BRASIL S/A	6,648	38,256	44,904
TOTAL	61,467	844,096	905,563
DOMESTIC CURRENCY			
ELETROBRÁS	53,064	403,100	456,164
BNDES	4,894	12,036	16,930
DEBÊNTURES	25,342	508,910	534,252
FINEP	5,026	1,248	6,274
TURNKEY	3,260	710	3,970
FUNDAÇÃO COPEL	21,069	5,023	26,092
OTHER	977	2,817	3,794
TOTAL	113,632	933,844	1,047,476
TOTAL	175,099	1,777,940	1,953,039

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF AND FOR THE SEMESTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 and 2001

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

ASSETS	Company	Consolidated	Company
	2002	2002	2001
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	341.870	539.428	331.195
Accounts receivable	9.860	760.514	487.370
Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	(19.231)	(10.177)
Services in progress	1.546	12.282	9.641
Recoverable Rate Deficit (CRC)	-	70.326	30.533
Taxes and social contributions paid in advance	8.879	13.911	15.799
Materials and supplies	-	20.089	15.156
Deferred rate costs	-	12.620	-
Prepaid expenses and other	1.600	25.937	19.903
	363.755	1.435.876	899.420
Long-Term Assets			
Recoverable Rate Deficit (CRC)	-	721.684	671.268
Deferred income tax and social contribution tax	118.707	416.483	246.060
Judicial deposits	48.158	66.982	49.329
Intercompany receivable	948.921	36.033	46.537
Deferred rate costs	-	302.967	-
Other noncurrent assets	3.513	76.308	27.648
	1.119.299	1.620.457	1.040.842
Permanent			
Investments	5.105.261	500.112	353.699
Property, plant and equipment	-	5.894.592	5.961.690
	5.105.261	6.394.704	6.315.389
Total Assets	6.588.315	9.451.037	8.255.651
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	Company	Consolidated	Company
	2002	2002	2001
Current Liabilities			
Loans and financing	13.174	149.757	296.514
Debenture	25.342	25.342	-
Suppliers	706	320.935	112.254
Taxes and social contributions	40.151	158.416	106.913
Dividends proposed	649	649	1.302
Accrued payroll costs	3.387	53.510	48.757
Regulatory charges	-	27.275	34.489
Other current liabilities	116	70.511	74.476
	83.525	806.395	674.705
Long-Term Liabilities			
Loans and financing	602.368	1.269.030	1.204.193
Debenture	508.910	508.910	-
Pension plan and other post-retirement benefits	-	639.954	497.238
Taxes and social contributions	259.733	360.995	225.695
Provision for contingencies and other liabilities	-	116.694	105.929
	1.371.011	2.895.583	2.033.055
Special liabilities	-	615.280	581.252
	1.371.011	3.510.863	2.614.307
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	1.965.204	1.965.204	1.799.946
	5.133.779	5.133.779	4.966.639
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	6.588.315	9.451.037	8.255.651

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF INCOME	Company 2002	Consolidated 2002	Company 2001
Operating Revenues			
Electricity sales to final customers	-	1.543.543	1.282.534
Electricity sales to distributors	-	99.540	64.067
Use of transmission plant	-	55.842	27.173
Telecom revenues	-	17.508	-
Other revenues	-	30.474	51.581
Deductions from operating revenues	-	(495.942)	(377.765)
Net sales	-	1.250.965	1.047.590
Operating Expenses			
Personnel, pension plan and other post-retirement benefits	1.639	198.569	177.037
Materials and supplies	3	20.687	19.962
Third-party services	3.014	73.296	63.079
Electricity purchased for resale	-	340.429	255.779
Depreciation and amortization	-	140.783	132.536
Regulatory charges	-	81.105	99.255
Other expenses	15	27.801	41.978
	4.671	882.670	789.626
Operating Income	(4.671)	368.295	257.964
Equity in results of investees	99.731	(1.818)	(1.091)
Other income (expense)			
Financial income (expense), net	(347)	(212.609)	(146.916)
Nonoperating expense, net	(7)	(16.275)	(8.043)
Income Before Taxes and Participation	94.706	137.593	101.914
Income tax and social contribution tax	(6.324)	(49.211)	(33.429)
Net Income for the Period	88.382	88.382	68.485
Net Income per Thousand Outstanding Shares at Period	0,3230	0,3230	0,2503

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 SEMESTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 and 2001**

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ASSETS	COPEL	COPEL	COPEL	COPEL	COPEL
	Geração S.A.	Transmissão S.A.	Distribuição S.A.	Telecomunicações S.A.	Participações S.A.
					<i>"Proforma"</i>
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	110.183	19.554	63.356	3.243	1.222
Accounts receivable	129.146	31.797	593.321	3.566	2.064
Recoverable Rate Deficit (CRC)	-	-	70.326	-	-
Taxes and social contributions paid in advar	2.974	3.997	15.053	928	717
Materials and supplies	-	7.748	10.800	1.541	-
Deferred rate costs	-	-	12.620	-	-
Prepaid expenses and other	8.326	3.167	11.866	871	106
	250.629	66.263	777.342	10.149	4.109
Long-Term Assets					
Recoverable Rate Deficit (CRC)	-	-	721.684	-	-
Deferred income tax and social contribution	39.628	37.763	208.995	9.414	1.974
Judicial deposits	2.089	3.517	13.151	67	-
Intercompany receivable	189.606	21.655	31.641	-	-
Deferred rate costs	-	-	302.967	-	-
Other noncurrent assets	22.533	6.396	43.833	33	-
	253.856	69.331	1.322.271	9.514	1.974
Permanent					
Investments	5.983	2.312	541	-	447.348
Property, plant and equipment	3.187.963	893.870	1.670.104	142.373	282
	3.193.946	896.182	1.670.645	142.373	447.630
Total Assets	3.698.431	1.031.776	3.770.258	162.036	453.713

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	COPEL	COPEL	COPEL	COPEL	COPEL
	Geração S.A.	Transmissão S.A.	Distribuição S.A.	Telecomunicações S.A.	Participações S.A.
					<i>"Proforma"</i>
Current Liabilities					
Loans and financing	84.774	19.576	45.407	-	-
Debenture	-	-	19.053	-	-
Suppliers	8.845	3.938	312.403	2.249	3
Taxes and social contributions	41.402	9.540	84.941	946	72
Dividends proposed	-	-	-	-	9.860
Accrued payroll costs	9.267	8.023	29.545	2.829	460
Pension plan and other post-retirement bene	7.233	5.603	20.082	919	90
Regulatory charges	8.483	586	18.180	26	-
Customers and other liabilities	5.340	61	32.218	3	3
	165.344	47.327	561.829	6.972	10.488
Long-Term Liabilities					
Loans and financing	966.457	143.652	158.921	-	-
Debenture	-	-	408.910	-	-
Pension plan and other post-retirement bene	125.423	115.833	371.606	25.873	1.219
Taxes and social contributions	8.541	-	92.722	-	-
Intercompany payable	-	-	-	19.457	92.334
Provision for contingencies and other liabilit	4.856	10.989	100.511	337	-
	1.105.277	270.474	1.132.670	45.667	93.553
Special liabilities	-	7.140	608.140	-	-
	1.105.277	277.614	1.740.810	45.667	93.553
Shareholders' Equity					
Capital stock	2.338.932	751.989	1.607.168	120.650	330.718
Income reserves	88.878	(45.154)	(139.549)	(11.253)	18.954
	2.427.810	706.835	1.467.619	109.397	349.672

Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	3.698.431	1.031.776	3.770.258	162.036	453.713
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STATEMENT OF INCOME
AS OF AND FOR THE SEMESTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 and 2001
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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					<i>"Proforma"</i>
Electricity sales to final customers	6.346	-	1.538.226	-	-
Electricity sales to distributors	417.468	-	94.623	-	-
Use of transmission plant	-	124.455	144	-	-
Telecom revenues	-	-	-	31.786	-
Equity in results of investees	-	-	-	-	(4.222)
Other revenues	7.214	1.371	22.447	-	-
Deductions from operating revenues	(29.481)	(7.759)	(454.830)	(3.872)	(67)
Net Sales	401.547	118.067	1.200.610	27.914	(4.289)
Operating Expenses					
Personnel, pension plan and other benefits	34.065	30.988	121.253	9.315	1.309
Materials, supplies and third-party services	23.921	6.571	72.464	2.944	1.095
Electricity purchased for resale	13.549	-	808.188	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	50.232	16.809	65.002	8.718	22
Regulatory charges and other expenses	24.847	2.922	80.896	1.171	(1.108)
	146.614	57.290	1.147.803	22.148	1.318
Activities Income	254.933	60.777	52.807	5.766	(5.607)
Financial Result					
Financial income	7.390	1.289	69.872	271	117
Financial expense	(189.809)	(23.799)	(74.439)	(283)	(399)
	(182.419)	(22.510)	(4.567)	(12)	(282)
Operating Income	72.514	38.267	48.240	5.754	(5.889)
Nonoperating expense, net	(7.856)	(3.512)	(4.768)	(87)	(46)
Income Before Taxes and Participation	64.658	34.755	43.472	5.667	(5.935)
Income tax and social contribution tax	(17.825)	(11.699)	(12.218)	(1.905)	761
Net Income for the Period	46.833	23.056	31.254	3.762	(5.174)

