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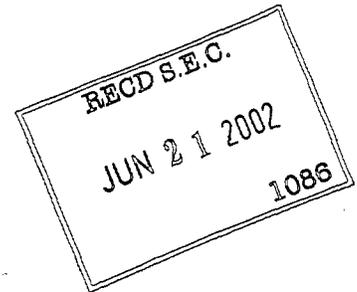
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**For the month of June 2002**

(Commission File No. 1-14668)

**Energy Company of Paraná**  
(Translation of registrant's name in English)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by  
furnishing the information contained in this form  
is also thereby furnishing the information to the  
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes  No



**COPEL**  
**Companhia Paranaense de Energia**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**COPEL'S SHARES BEGIN TRADING ON MADRID STOCK EXCHANGE**

*June 20, 2002* – Curitiba, Parana, Brazil – Yesterday, June 19, 2002, the shares of COMPANHIA PARANAENSE DE ENERGIA – COPEL [NYSE: ELP] were listed for the first time on a European securities exchange.

The listing occurred through Latibex, which is part of the Madrid Stock Exchange. Latibex is a Euro-based market for Latin American securities.

During the session, a lot of preferred shares was priced in euros, in an operation brokered by Benito y Monjardin, a firm connected with Banco Espírito Santo, a long-established European financial house.

Copel is the eighth Brazilian public company to be listed on the Latibex, which has been in operation since December 1999, and whose purpose is to channel European investment into Latin America, while at the same time providing access for Latin American companies to the European capital markets.

From Madrid, Ingo Henrique Hübert, Copel's CEO, stated that "this listing on the Latibex was designed to boost Copel's exposure to the European financial markets, which will make the Company better known, and even facilitate future transactions in the euro market, which is still an untapped market for the Company." Mr. Hübert also affirmed that there are no plans in place to issue stock or other securities of the Company in Europe.

Also in Madrid for the present listing, Ricardo Portugal Alves, Copel's Chief Financial and Investor Relations Officer, added that "having Copel's stock trade in the European Community, one of the world's principal financial centers, is the next natural step in the life of Copel as a public company."

This listing is part of the internationalization strategy pursued by Copel — whose stock has traded publicly for the past eight years — with the aim of gaining broader exposure of the Company's brand and results.

Copel's initial foray into the capital markets took place in April 1994, through São Paulo Stock Exchange - Bovespa. Later on, in July 1997, Copel was the first Brazilian electric utility to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange - NYSE, where its stock is traded in the form of American Depositary Shares.

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*Companhia Paranaense de Energia - Copel is one of Brazil's largest electric utilities. With over 2.9 million customers, COPEL generates, transmits, transforms and distributes electric power to the entire Brazilian State of Paraná. The company's major customers are industrial, residential and rural electricity consumers. COPEL generates electricity through the operation of seventeen hydroelectric plants and one thermoelectric plant.*

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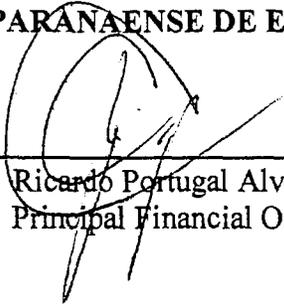
**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**COMPANHIA PARANAENSE DE ENERGIA - COPEL**

Date: June 21, 2002

By



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Name: Ricardo Portugal Alves  
Title: Principal Financial Officer