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EEB is a semi-autonomous public utility involved in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity in and around Bogotá. It is also a shareholder in Gas Natural S.A., which distributes natural gas to the southern part of Bogotá. The company has 4,200 employees and provides its services to a market of approximately 7.2 million inhabitants, which is approximately 22% of the national population. In 1996, EEB's sales were about US\$ 1 billion and it has assets of US\$ 4.05 billion. The company generates 1073 MW of electricity from 7 power plants. Currently it distributes electricity to 1,390,000 households in Bogotá and to 94 municipalities around Bogotá.

EEB is under pressure from Financiera Energética Nacional (FEN), which has provided most of its financing in the past, to increase its efficiency and improve management of the company. Currently EEB has a debt load of US\$ 1.75 billion and the company estimates that it needs over US\$ 1 billion in new investment to modernize its facilities. Future investments will be made in information systems and infrastructure improvements.

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