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The Nuclear Regulation Authority, Japan

The NRA approved the extension of operation period of Takahama Power Station Units 1 and 2

On 20 June 2016, the Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA) granted Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc. approval of extension of operation for Takahama Power Station Units 1 and 2, as applied on 30 April 2015 (partially revised on 3 July, 16 November 2015; and 29 February, 27 April and 13 June 2016), under Article 43-3-32-4 of the Reactor Regulation Act.

The extension of operation for Unit 1 is up to 13 November 2034, and Unit 2, up to 13 November 2035. The operational period prior to this extension was up to 7 July 2016 for Takahama Power Station Units 1 and 2. Unit 1 started operation in November 1974, and Unit 2, in November 1975.

In addition, the NRA granted Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc. approval of Takahama's operational safety programs concerning aging management technical evaluation and long-term maintenance policy for Units 1 and 2, as applied on 30 April 2015 (partially revised on 3 July, 16 November 2015; and 29 February, 27 April and 13 June 2016), based on Article 43-3-24-1 of the Reactor Regulation Act.

With regard to the 3-step conformity review on the New Regulatory Requirements for nuclear power plants, the first two steps of the conformity review have been completed for Takahama Power Station Units 1 and 2, namely, permission for change in reactor installation license (permitted on 20 April 2016) and approval of plan for construction works (approved on 10 June 2016).

For the “Act on the Regulation of Nuclear Source Material, Nuclear Fuel Material Reactors”, please see here: <http://www.nsr.go.jp/data/000067232.pdf>

For more information on the review process, please refer to the “New Regulatory Requirements for Light-Water Nuclear Power Plants – Outline –” page 22: <http://www.nsr.go.jp/data/000067212.pdf>

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