

On Return to Commercial Operation of Takahama Unit 3

February 26, 2016

President and Director Makoto Yagi
The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.

Our Takahama Unit 3 resumed commercial operation at p.m. 16:23 today after receiving the certificates of the completion of pre-service inspection and periodic outage inspection of facilities, which demonstrated that all the inspections by the Nuclear Regulation Authority had been completed.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my sincere gratitude, in particular to members of the public in the host region, for deep understanding and generous support toward restart of Takahama Unit 3. We will exert our best efforts to keep safe and stable operation of Takahama Unit 3 with utmost caution. Meanwhile, we will carefully take steps toward startup of Takahama Unit 4 under an enhanced system of oversight established in cooperation with the manufacturers and contractors while putting top priority on safety.

For resource-poor Japan, we believe it is essential to build an energy supply structure which does not depend excessively on a particular method of generating electricity or fuel source, with nuclear energy playing a certain role in the energy mix. Our concept is based on the perspective of putting top priority on the assurance of safety while simultaneously achieving energy security, economic efficiency and environmental conservation, which is known as the “S + 3E” policy.

With a firm determination that we will never again see an accident like Fukushima Daiichi, I will commit myself to enhancing the safety of nuclear power generation by promoting safety improvement measures in a voluntary and ongoing manner even beyond the regulatory framework, while being fully aware that we should always make untiring efforts to enhance safety.

At Kansai Electric Power Company, we will make the utmost effort to

restore public trust in nuclear power generation by continuously promoting safety enhancements after the resumption of our nuclear power plants, while seeking the understanding of members of the public regarding the importance and safety of nuclear energy.

Takahama units 3 and 4 is KEPCO's first unit that has passed the safety screening against the new regulatory requirements which took effect on July 8, 2013 taking into account the lessons learned from the TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi NPP accident and latest technical findings collected from across the world.

We will continue to make an utmost effort to improve the safety and reliability of our nuclear power plants by collecting and analyzing latest technical information collected at home and abroad. At the same time, we set our goal at achieving the world's highest level of safety while pursuing voluntary safety improvement measures on a continuous basis even beyond the framework of the new regulatory requirements.