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Extension of operating period of Takahama Nuclear Power Station
Units 1 and 2 approved

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Today, we have the extension of operating period of Takahama Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2 up to 60 years approved by the Nuclear Regulation Authority.

Takahama Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2 were subjected to special inspection since December 1, 2014, followed by the evaluation of the extent of deterioration, establishment of a policy relating to their maintenance, and submission of an application*1 for approval of extension of their operating period on April 30, 2015 to the Nuclear Regulation Authority.

After that, a corrective application was made by reflecting the safety evaluation on their resistance to earthquake with the examination for approval of the construction plan for Takahama Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2 taken into account and by correcting inadequate description of the application document pointed out by the Authority at the time of examination of the application for extension of their operating period. As a result, the application for extension of the operating period of Takahama Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2 has been approved by the Nuclear Regulation Authority today. In addition, revision*2 of our nuclear reactor facility safety policy concerning the countermeasures to deterioration due to aging, which was submitted together with the application for approval of extension of the operating period, has also been approved today.

We hope to restart the operation of the nuclear power plants of which safety have been confirmed as early as possible, and will consider the content of detailed safety construction measures for Takahama Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2 and its schedule.

*1 A procedure based on the Act on the Regulation of Nuclear Source Material, Nuclear Fuel Material and Reactors, clause 43, 3-32. The application had been made to the Nuclear Regulation Authority with the “Special inspection result report”, the “Deterioration status evaluation report” and the “Policy book relating to maintenance control” attached to the “Application for approval of extension of operating period” that describes a desired length of extension of operating period, which is officially specified to 40 years from the date of the beginning of operation.

*2 A procedure based on the Act on the Regulation of Nuclear Source Material, Nuclear Fuel Material and Reactors, clause 43, 3-24. The revision of the nuclear reactor facility safety regulations approved today describes the detail of a long term maintenance control policy to be carried out based on the evaluation that assumes an operation beyond 40 years.