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Nuclear Regulation Authority, Japan

Permission for Changes in Reactor Installation of Units 3 and 4, Takahama Nuclear Power Station, Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.

On 12, 2015, the NRA granted Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc. permission* to make changes to the reactor installation of Takahama NPS Units 3 and 4, as applied by Kansai Electric Power on July 8, 2013, based on Article 43-3-8, Paragraph 1, of the Act on the Regulation of Nuclear Source Material, Nuclear Fuel Material and Reactors. This is a required regulatory step to grant permission for changes to the basic design of nuclear reactors and related facilities. The applied design and safety features of Takahama NPS Units 3 and 4 were deemed to meet the NRA's new regulatory requirements for commercial power reactors.

After this step, the NRA will review the detailed design and construction of the nuclear reactors and related facilities as well as Operational Safety Programs including organization systems and procedures for accident responses.

*The decision was a result of a careful review of the approximately 10,000 pages of document from Kansai Electric Power, holding 67 review meetings and conducting field investigations for safety assessment. Meetings with NRA commissioners who are in charge of earthquakes or reactor facilities were made public via the Internet. After releasing the draft assessment, the NRA invited comments through the public comment procedures, reviewed the comments and reflected them on the results of its assessment.

For detailed information on the NRA's new regulatory requirements:

<http://www.nsr.go.jp/english/regulatory/index.html>

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