

Electricity Demand in March 2006 (Bulletin)

[Demand Overview (Total Across the 10 Power Companies)]

Total demand in March was up 0.6% to 73.6 billion kWh across the 10 companies.

Commercial and lighting demand posted increases of 0.9% and 0.1% respectively.

The increase in lighting demand resulted from a longer meter-reading period, which overcame decreased demand for heating caused by higher temperatures from mid February to early March.

Demand Volume & Change by Month & Use

(Units: mkWh, %)

			This month	Prev. 3 Months		
			(March)	February	January	December
Volume	Other than Eligible Customers' Use	Lighting	24,671	26,827	32,698	24,034
		Power	4,178	4,660	5,442	3,947
		Lighting & Power Total	28,849	31,487	38,140	27,981
	Eligible Customers' Use	Commercial Power	15,505	16,881	16,913	15,558
		Industrial Power	29,289	28,253	28,154	29,124
		Eligible Customers' Use Total	44,794	45,134	45,067	44,682
	Total Electricity Sales		73,643	76,621	83,207	72,663
	(Large Industry)		23,223	21,606	22,076	22,866
Year-on-Year Change	Other than Eligible Customers' Use	Lighting	100.1	101.3	113.7	112.6
		Power	93.1	96.7	110.2	109.6
		Lighting & Power Total	99.1	100.6	113.2	112.2
	Eligible Customers' Use	Commercial Power	100.9	103.1	108.5	107.6
		Industrial Power	101.9	102.5	103.8	104.2
		Eligible Customers' Use Total	101.6	102.7	105.5	105.3
	Total Electricity Sales		100.6	101.8	108.9	107.9
	(Large Industry)		102.9	102.8	103.7	104.6

(Reference) Large Industrial Demand

Large industrial user demand in March was up for the eighth consecutive month, increasing by 2.9%. The rise resulted from firm performance in all sectors including chemicals and non-ferrous metals.

(Reference) Demand Volume & Change by Month & Large Industry Sector

(Units: mkWh, %)

	This Month (March)		Prev. 3 Months		
	Volume	Year-on-Year Change	February	January	December
Textiles	262	105.7	106.0	105.4	104.2
Paper & Pulp	868	106.7	104.1	109.8	105.7
Chemicals	2,321	104.3	106.3	107.2	104.9
Ceramics	977	105.9	103.1	104.5	105.8
Steel	3,137	101.4	100.2	99.0	99.0
Non-Ferrous Metals	1,218	105.9	107.9	109.7	109.6
Machinery	6,381	104.0	104.0	105.0	107.6

(Reference) Large Industry Demand Change by Month & Term

	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3
FY1996	0.1	1.7	2.0	3.8	-0.3	2.4	3.1	3.4	2.5	4.3	-0.3	3.1
FY1997	3.9	5.1	4.4	3.5	3.5	4.7	2.4	0.7	0.1	-0.0	-1.7	-3.0
FY1998	-1.9	-3.2	-3.6	-4.1	4.2	-3.1	-2.9	-4.5	-3.9	-5.3	-2.8	-2.1
FY1999	-3.8	-3.6	-0.6	-1.5	2.6	2.8	1.0	3.3	3.6	2.6	6.4	4.9
FY2000	3.5	4.7	4.2	5.2	5.0	1.5	2.6	2.8	2.6	3.8	-1.7	-0.3
FY2001	-0.4	-1.0	-2.3	-1.2	-4.5	-6.0	-4.7	-5.5	-6.0	-6.3	-5.2	-4.9
FY2002	-1.8	-0.4	-1.4	0.4	2.2	2.9	2.4	3.1	4.0	5.2	3.2	4.2
FY2003	2.7	1.8	0.8	-4.3	-2.6	0.8	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4	0.4	3.2	1.3
FY2004	2.2	1.3	4.6	7.6	4.5	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.8	1.6	-0.1	1.7
FY2005	1.0	-0.8	0.5	-1.6	1.7	1.9	2.7	2.3	4.6	3.7	2.8	2.9

Lighting & Power Demand by Co. & Use

(Units: mkWh, %)

		March												Prev. 3 Months (10-Co. Total)		
		Hokkaido	Tohoku	Tokyo	Chubu	Hokuriku	Kansai	Chugoku	Shikoku	Kyushu	9-Co. Total	Okinawa	10-Co. Total	February	January	December
Results	Lighting	997	2,314	8,290	3,078	711	4,274	1,615	816	2,377	24,472	199	24,671	26,827	32,698	24,034
	Power	230	408	1,060	649	145	579	257	175	474	3,977	201	4,178	4,660	5,442	3,947
	<Low Voltage>	100	290	867	441	103	471	177	105	373	2,927	23	2,950	3,276	3,820	2,823
	Lighting & Power Total	1,227	2,722	9,350	3,727	856	4,853	1,872	991	2,851	28,449	400	28,849	31,487	38,140	27,981
	Eligible Customers' Use	1,435	4,277	14,413	7,308	1,623	7,315	3,109	1,365	3,867	44,712	82	44,794	45,134	45,067	44,682
	<Commercial Power>	682	1,343	5,777	1,769	424	2,675	849	488	1,465	15,472	33	15,505	16,881	16,913	15,558
	<Industrial Power>	753	2,934	8,636	5,539	1,199	4,640	2,260	877	2,402	29,240	49	29,289	28,253	28,154	29,124
	Total Electricity Sales	2,662	6,999	23,763	11,035	2,479	12,168	4,981	2,356	6,718	73,161	482	73,643	76,621	83,207	72,663
	<Large Industry>	465	2,217	7,009	4,406	939	3,694	1,867	671	1,887	23,155	68	23,223	21,606	22,076	22,866
Year-on-Year Change	Lighting	98.7	97.2	99.1	102.6	100.6	105.0	100.5	99.5	96.2	100.2	94.4	100.1	101.3	113.7	112.6
	Power	88.9	86.8	95.2	97.5	91.2	92.8	91.9	93.5	89.3	92.8	101.2	93.1	96.7	110.2	109.6
	<Low Voltage>	97.5	90.5	95.1	97.3	93.3	91.7	91.6	93.0	90.2	93.5	102.5	93.5	96.0	111.2	111.1
	Lighting & Power Total	96.7	95.5	98.7	101.7	98.9	103.4	99.2	98.4	95.0	99.1	97.7	99.1	100.6	113.2	112.2
	Eligible Customers' Use	102.4	99.2	99.9	103.5	103.7	101.8	102.3	103.9	103.8	101.6	103.2	101.6	102.7	105.5	105.3
	<Commercial Power>	103.8	100.3	99.0	102.9	104.1	101.7	101.7	103.3	102.4	100.9	102.7	100.9	103.1	108.5	107.6
	<Industrial Power>	101.2	98.7	100.5	103.7	103.5	101.8	102.6	104.3	104.7	101.9	103.5	101.9	102.5	103.8	104.2
	Total Electricity Sales	99.7	97.7	99.4	102.9	102.0	102.4	101.2	101.5	99.9	100.6	98.6	100.6	101.8	108.9	107.9
	<Large Industry>	103.3	104.2	100.6	104.5	105.2	101.6	103.0	106.0	106.1	102.9	102.3	102.9	102.8	103.7	104.6