

Enactment of the Revised Electricity Business Act for the Reforms of the Electric Power System

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Today, the bill to revise the Electricity Business Act for full retail deregulation of the electric power system was enacted.

Customers are keen for full retail deregulation because it will allow them to choose a power utility for their supply. We will work hard to be selected by customers, such as by broadening the tariff options and offering more choice.

However, in proceeding with full retail deregulation, it is necessary to build a robust mechanism for ensuring that there is sufficient supply capacity to meet the national electricity demand in the future. The electric power companies are prepared to continue to cooperate in developing the detailed design of such a system.

Further, sufficient supply capacity and stable supply and demand are prerequisites for full deregulation to be effective. In addition, it is important to consider the new role of private operation under government policy, and to improve the business environment, to ensure that the nuclear power business can continue to operate stably over the long term even in an increasingly competitive environment.

To ensure that the reforms will truly benefit the customers, we ask the government to carefully consider the above issues and take necessary measures in implementing the reforms.