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Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency

Regarding Submission of the Report on Preliminary Assessment of Comprehensive Assessment for the Safety of Nuclear Power Reactor Facility (so-called Stress Test) (Unit 2 of Shika Nuclear Power Station, Hokuriku Electric Power Co., Inc.)

This is to inform the public that Hokuriku Electric Power Co., Inc. submitted today a report titled “Regarding the Result of Comprehensive Assessment (Preliminary Assessment) for the Safety of Unit 2 of Shika Nuclear Power Station Taking into Account the Accident at Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station, Tokyo Electric Power Co., Inc. (Report)” to the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) pursuant to the direction “Regarding the Implementation of the Comprehensive Assessment on the Safety of Existing Nuclear Power Reactor Facilities Taking into Account the Accident at Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station, Tokyo Electric Power Co., Inc. (Direction)” (dated July 22, 2011).

NISA will evaluate the report with reference to the opinions of experts.

1. Course of Event

On July 22, 2011, NISA requested electric utilities and other related organizations to conduct a comprehensive assessment for the safety of the nuclear power reactor facilities and report the result to NISA, based on the “Assessment Procedures and Implementation Plan Regarding the Comprehensive Assessment for the Safety of Existing Nuclear Power Reactor Facilities Taking into Account the Accident at Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station, Tokyo Electric Power Co., Inc.” (already announced on July 22, 2011).

Today, Hokuriku Electric Power Co., Inc. submitted a report titled “Regarding the Result of Comprehensive Assessment (Preliminary Assessment) for the Safety of Unit 2 of Shika Nuclear Power Station Taking into Account the Accident at Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station, Tokyo Electric Power Co., Inc. (Report)” to NISA.

2. Future Actions

NISA will evaluate this report with reference to the opinions from experts obtained at hearings (open to the public). Incidentally, NISA will officially announce the progress of the evaluation on the NISA website and is currently accepting the questions and requests from the public concerning the technical matters that should be verified at the evaluation.

In conducting the evaluation, NISA intends to receive technical assistance from the Incorporated Administrative Agency, the Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organization (JNES).

In addition, NISA's evaluation results will be reported to the Nuclear Safety Commission so that the validity of the results will be verified.

[NISA website (where stress test progress will be posted)]

<http://www.nisa.meti.go.jp/stresstest/stresstest.html> (in Japanese)

Attachment: Regarding the Result of Preliminary Assessment of Comprehensive Assessment for the Safety (Stress Test) of Unit 2 of Shika Nuclear Power Station

Appendix: List of Members in the "Hearings Regarding the Comprehensive Assessment for the Safety of Nuclear Power Reactor Facilities"

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