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Onagawa Nuclear Power Station Unit 2 starts Commercial Operation

It is our great pleasure to announce that the Onagawa Nuclear Power Station Unit 2 (BWR, 825MW) started commercial operation* today, December 26, 2024 at 16:00 (Japan Standard Time).

With the belief that there is no end to safety measures, we will continue to strengthen the safety of our nuclear power station, for its safe and secure operation.

We consider that the understanding of the local community is of the utmost importance for the operation of nuclear power stations. We will continue to take every opportunity to thoroughly and clearly explain our efforts to the local community.

* Commercial operation starts after completing all the pre-service inspection and the comprehensive inspection, and receiving confirmation certificate from the Nuclear Regulation Authority in Japan.

Message from CEO, Kojiro Higuchi

“It is my pleasure to announce the commencement of the commercial operation of Onagawa Nuclear Power Station Unit 2. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude towards all the stakeholders who were deeply involved in this long journey, not limited but including the Miyagi Prefecture, Onagawa Town and Ishinomaki City, all the local governments located within the Urgent Protective action planning Zone (UPZ), Japanese government, local communities, and all those who worked on safety measure construction.

At Onagawa Nuclear Power Station, which was the closest Nuclear Power Station to the epicenter of March 11, 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, all 3 units managed to shutdown safely. Later, the station served as an evacuation center for local residents, and we experienced tremendous hardships together with them.

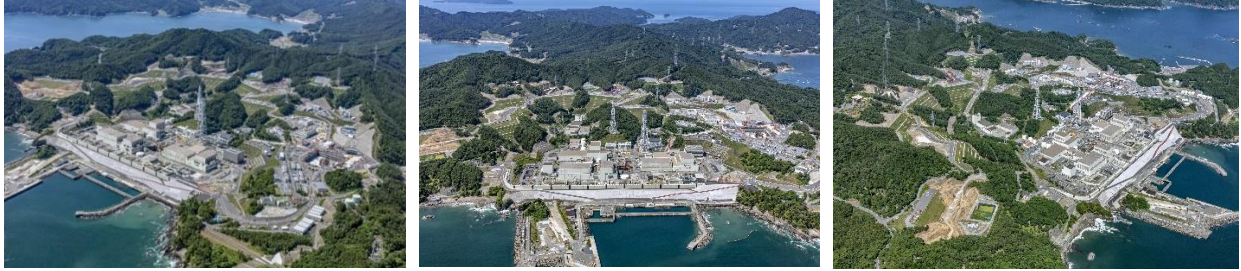
We have upgraded the station by applying all safety measures including seismic reinforcement work and construction of 29 m seawall to prepare for natural disasters, and securing of electricity and cooling functions in case of severe accidents. With these various countermeasures, we believe that Onagawa Unit 2 has certainly improved its safety measures compared to those before the earthquake in 2011.

We consider this restart as a `re-commissioning` of Onagawa Nuclear Power Station. This comes from our determination to learn from our predecessors who built the power station from the ground up, deepen our ties with the community, and take lessons from the Tokyo Electric Power Company’s Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Accident to make a fresh start.

Even after resumption of commercial operations, we will continue to strive for further safety improvements based on our firm belief that there is no end to safety measures at nuclear power stations. In addition, we will contribute to a stable supply of electricity and carbon neutrality while continuing safe and stable operation.

Last but not least, in the operation of nuclear power station, we believe that the understanding of local community is of the utmost importance. We will continue to communicate our efforts to local community in an easy-to-understand and courteous manner, aiming to be a power station that earns the trust of and contributes to the community. Thank you.”

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Aerial photography of Onagawa Nuclear Power Station