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No.4 Unit at Niigata Thermal Power Station Brought Back Online

We hereby announce that we placed the No.4 unit at our Niigata Thermal Power Station back into operation today. The unit had been out of service on a long-term scheduled shutdown program. In order to be best prepared to supply stable power during this summer season, however, we cancelled the program and have just completed the unit inspection for restart-up, which commenced in December 2007.

< Overview of Niigata Thermal Power Station >

- Location: 2-200, Momoyama-cho, Higashi-ku, Niigata-shi, Niigata Pref.
- Output & Start-up: No.3 Unit: 250 MW; started up in January 1966
No.4 Unit: 250 MW; started up in August 1969
- Fuels used: Gases (natural gas, LNG), heavy oil