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Higashi Niigata Thermal Power Station Unit 5 Commence Full Operation

Tohoku Electric Power, today began full operation of Higashi Niigata Thermal Power Station Unit 5 (located in Seiro town, Niigata Prefecture with an output of 339MW) which had been in test operation since June 7, 2012.

We are making efforts to restore our thermal power stations located in the pacific coastal region which has been shut down due to extensive damaged by The Great East Japan Earthquake. And we are introducing some generators which can be installed in a short time.

Higashi Niigata Thermal Power Station Unit 5 which commenced full operation today is constructed in Higashi-Niigata Thermal Power Station premises as one of the actions being taken to secure power supply in this summer. It is the third operation which started to construct after the earthquake following to Higashi-Niigata Minato Unit 3 and Niigata Unit 6.

The building construction work was implemented at midwinter, so we were often hit by snowstorms and needed to work in accumulated snow. Making the best use of inventiveness on-site, we were able to complete the construction without accident or disaster. Moreover, in order to commence commercial operation as soon as possible to secure power supply, we made effort to speed up the process by working morning, noon and night. In addition to this effort, the understanding and cooperation of the national government and local governments and residents enabled us to start commercial operation today.

We are going to make every effort to stabilize units in operation and secure power supply.

(Overview of Higashi-Niigata Thermal Power Station Unit 5)

- Location: 1-1-155, Higashikou, Seiro town, Kitakanbara District, Niigata Prefecture
- Output: 339 MW
- Fuel: LNG