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Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc.

Court Hands Down Rulings on Injunction to Halt Operation of Genkai Nuclear Power Station Units 3/4 and on Action to Revoke the Units' Permission for a Change in Reactor Installation (Administrative Suit)

-Japanese Government and Kyushu Electric Power Company Win Their Cases-

Saga District Court has given a ruling today as provided below, rejecting plaintiffs' demands regarding their lawsuits and accepting claims made by the government and Kyushu Electric Power Company. The company considers these decisions appropriate.

Kyushu Electric Power Company will continue to take voluntary steps to further improve safety and reliability, mustering all possible efforts to ensure that its nuclear power stations are safe.

1. Lawsuit over injunction to suspend operations

Plaintiffs instituted this lawsuit in three phases (the first on December 27, 2011 and January 18, 2012; the third on October 25, 2019), demanding suspension of Genkai Nuclear Power Station (NPS) Units 3/4's operation.

Kyushu Electric Power Company requested the lawsuit be dismissed. The company also argued that Genkai NPS has a sufficient level of safety against earthquakes and volcanic events, and that evaluations and measures have been made based on the latest knowledge to ensure the safety of piping.

Saga District Court dismissed the plaintiffs' demand, citing that no concrete severe accident risk exists at Genkai NPS.

2. Lawsuit over revocation of permission for a change in reactor installation

Plaintiffs instituted this lawsuit against the government, demanding revocation of the permission for a change in reactor installation for Genkai NPS Units 3/4 granted to Kyushu Electric Power Company on January 18, 2017 by the Nuclear Regulation Authority.

Kyushu Electric Power Company intervened in the lawsuit on November 28, 2017. The company argued that earthquake and volcanic event evaluations made in the application process for Genkai NPS's permission for a change in reactor installation were adequate.

Saga District Court dismissed the plaintiff's demand, citing that the decision reached through reviews on the units' compliance with New Regulatory Requirements is fully adequate, and that the licensing granted for Genkai NPS is legitimate.