

## **Construction of Tsuruga-3 and -4 Delayed**

On November 28, Japan Atomic Power Company (JAPC) announced that construction of the Tsuruga-3 and -4 NPSs (APWRs, 1,538 MW each) would both begin in October 2010, with commercial operation to start in March 2016 and March 2017, respectively. The dates for start of commercial operation represent delays of two years in both cases.

The construction plans for Units 3 and 4 had been undergoing safety examinations by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). In February 2005, however, JAPC was instructed by METI to carry out additional investigations on active faults around the site, and more recently to cope with the recently revised Examination Guide for the Aseismic Design of Nuclear Power Reactor Facilities. As a result, JAPC has been reviewing the construction process of the units since last October.

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