

Commencement of Operations Ohma NPS to Be Postponed to November 2014

On November 11, the Electric Power Development Co. (EPDC, also known as J-POWER) submitted an application to the head of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) to make modifications in the nuclear reactor installations of its Ohma NPS (ABWR, 1383MW), which utilize mixed uranium-plutonium oxide (MOX) fuel for its 100% reactor core. J-POWER plans to push back the commencement of operations at the reactor from the schedule of March 2012 to November 2014.

Construction of the plant had originally been slated for August 2008. However, that date was postponed until May 2008, as the Nuclear Safety Commission of Japan took longer than usual to carry out its inspections, given the fact that they were the first to be made after the revision of the seismic guidelines law. J-POWER made careful deliberations of the construction plan and other time schedules on the basis of that, and drew up its plan for the commencement of operations 20 months after the schedule.

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