

Electricity Market Reform in Japan

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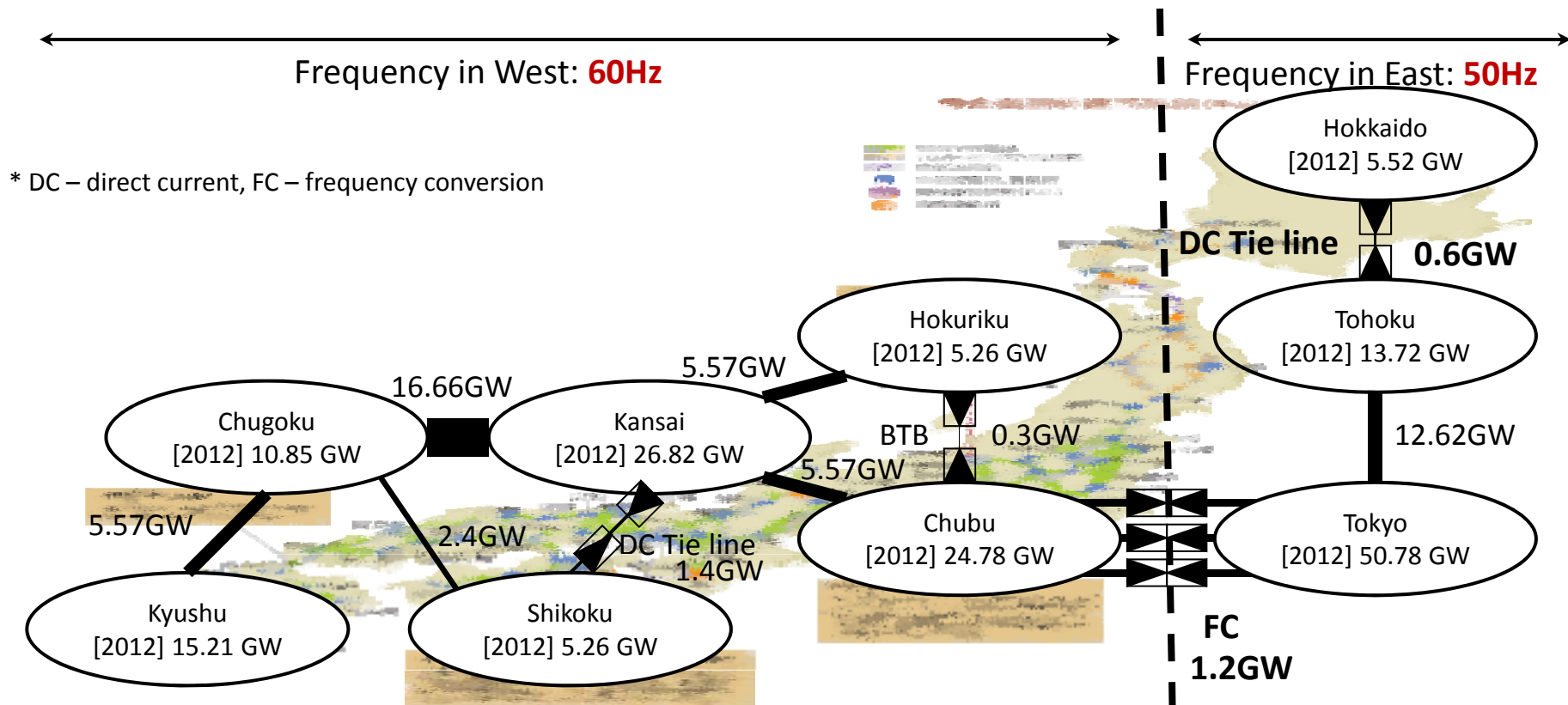
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CURRENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM AND PROBLEMS REVEALED BY 3.11

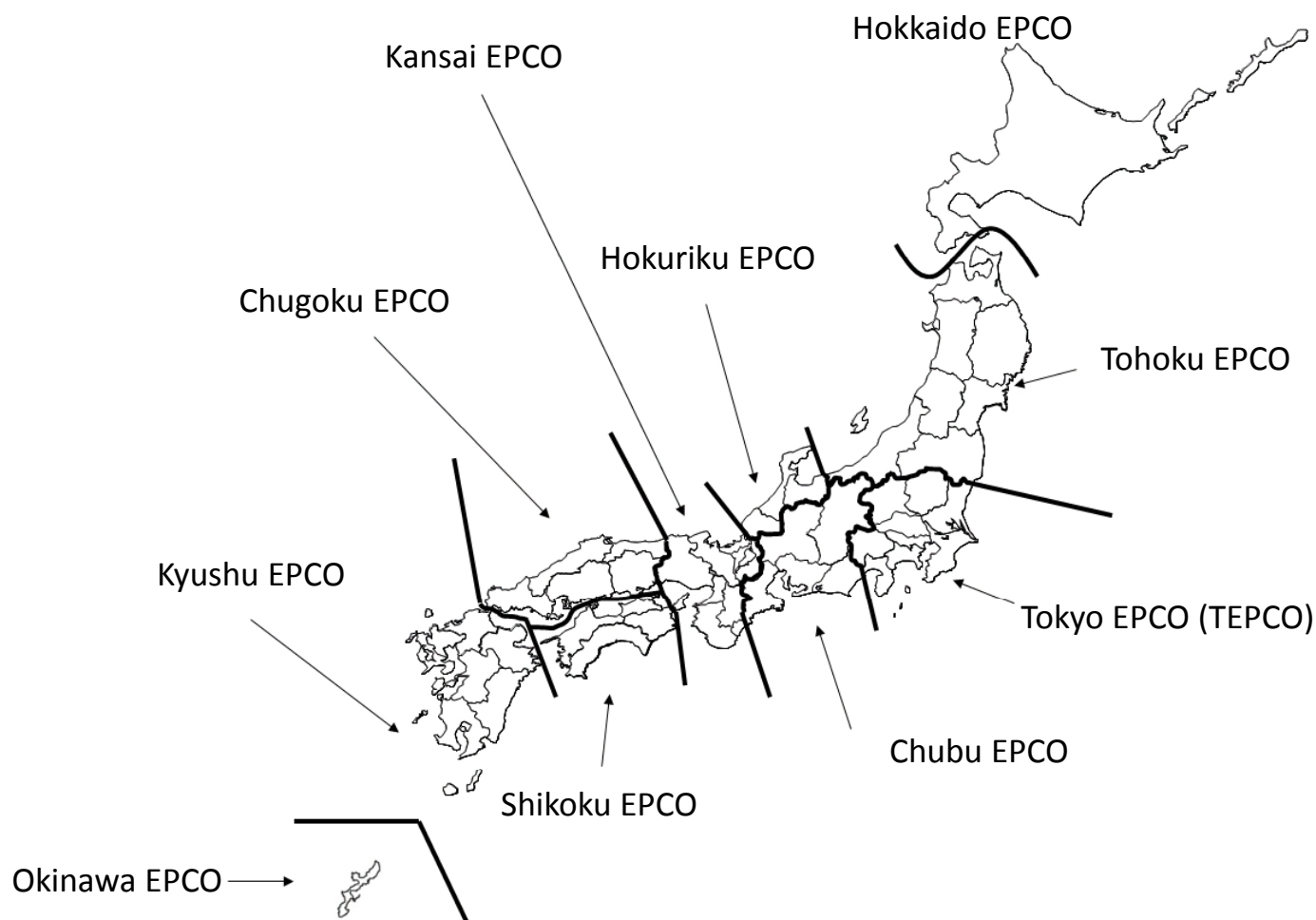
Current electricity system

- Partial liberalization: retail competition for over 50kW customers
 - Retail Players: 10 big EPCOs (vertically integrated, regional monopoly), PPS, etc.
 - Reality is...
 - Share of non-EPCO power producer and supplier : 3.6%
 - 0.6% of the total retail market sales is transacted at JEPX
- <Cf.>
- Market volume: 1000TWh/ 280GW
 - Electricity price (2011): 16.8 yen (average), 21.3yen (household), 14.6yen (industry)



Problems Revealed by 3.11

- Negative aspects of regional monopoly system were revealed:
 1. Lack of system to transmit electricity beyond regions
 2. Little competition and strong price control
 3. Limit in digesting the change in energy mix including the increase in renewables



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DISCUSSION ON ELECTRICITY MARKET REFORM AFTER 3.11

Cabinet Decision on Electricity System Reform

- Based on the report by Expert Committee, the Cabinet decided to approve the Policy on Electricity System Reform on April 2, 2013.

http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2013/pdf/0402_01a.pdf

- The reform aims to achieve 3 purposes:
 - (1) Securing the stable supply of electricity
 - (2) Suppressing electricity rates to the maximum extent possible
 - (3) Expanding choices for consumers and business opportunities
- To achieve these purposes, a bold reform will be steadily carried out according to a realistic schedule step by step, focusing on the following the 3 steps' roadmap:

Roadmap for Electricity Market Reform in Japan

- (Note 1) Implementation of legal unbundling of transmission / distribution sector shall not interfere with the procurement of money necessary for stable supply of power.
- (Note 2) At stage 3, the rate schedule shall be abolished simultaneously when or after the power transmission departments will have been legally spun off.
- (Note 3) Timing of abolition of the tariff regulation may be reassessed depending on the progress of the market competition, the change of the market structure and the condition of business environment when decision on the full retail choice.

Bills

1st Reform: Ordinary Diet in 2013 →extended

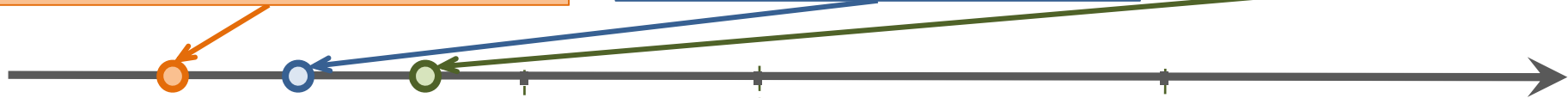
- 1) Establishment of the Organization for Cross-regional Coordination of Transmission Operators (OCCTO)
- 2) Action programs for 2nd and 3rd reforms etc.

2nd Reform: Ordinary Diet in 2014

- 1) Full liberalization of entry to electricity retail business
- 2) Revision of applicable and regulations associated with the abolishment of GEU system

3rd Reform: Ordinary Diet in 2015 (Plan)

- 1) Legal unbundling of transmission/distribution sector
- 2) Code of Conduct



Reforms

Apr. 2, 2013

【1st Stage】

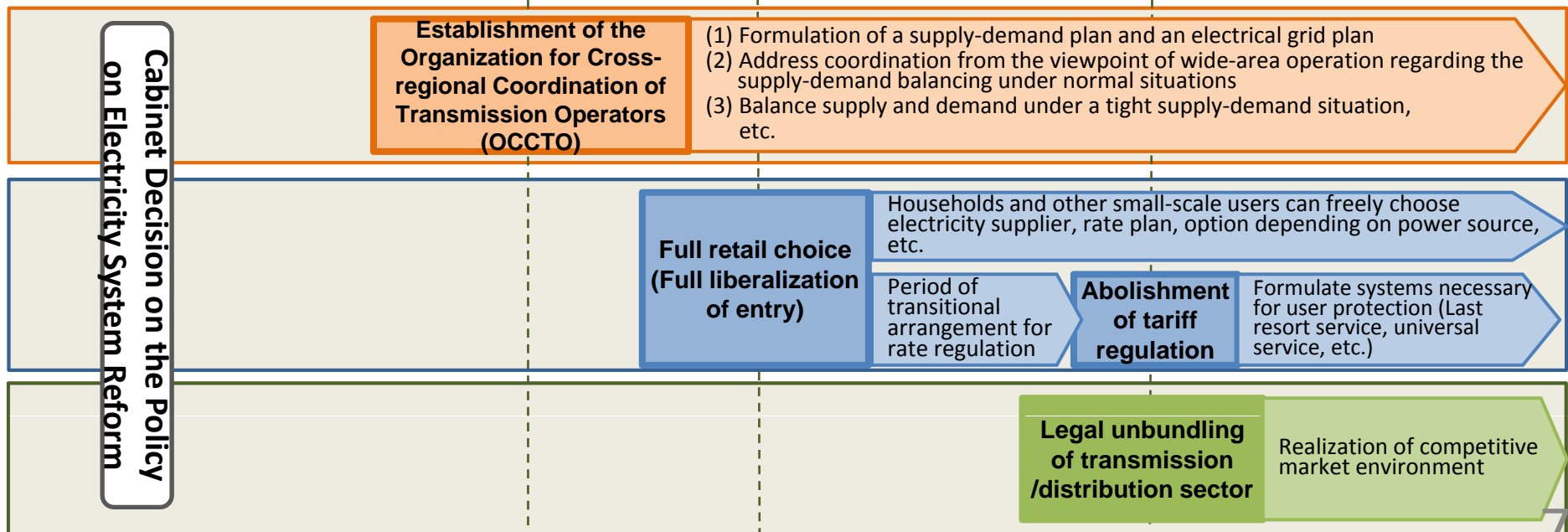
Around 2015

【2nd Stage】

Around 2016

【3rd Stage】

Around 2018 through 2020



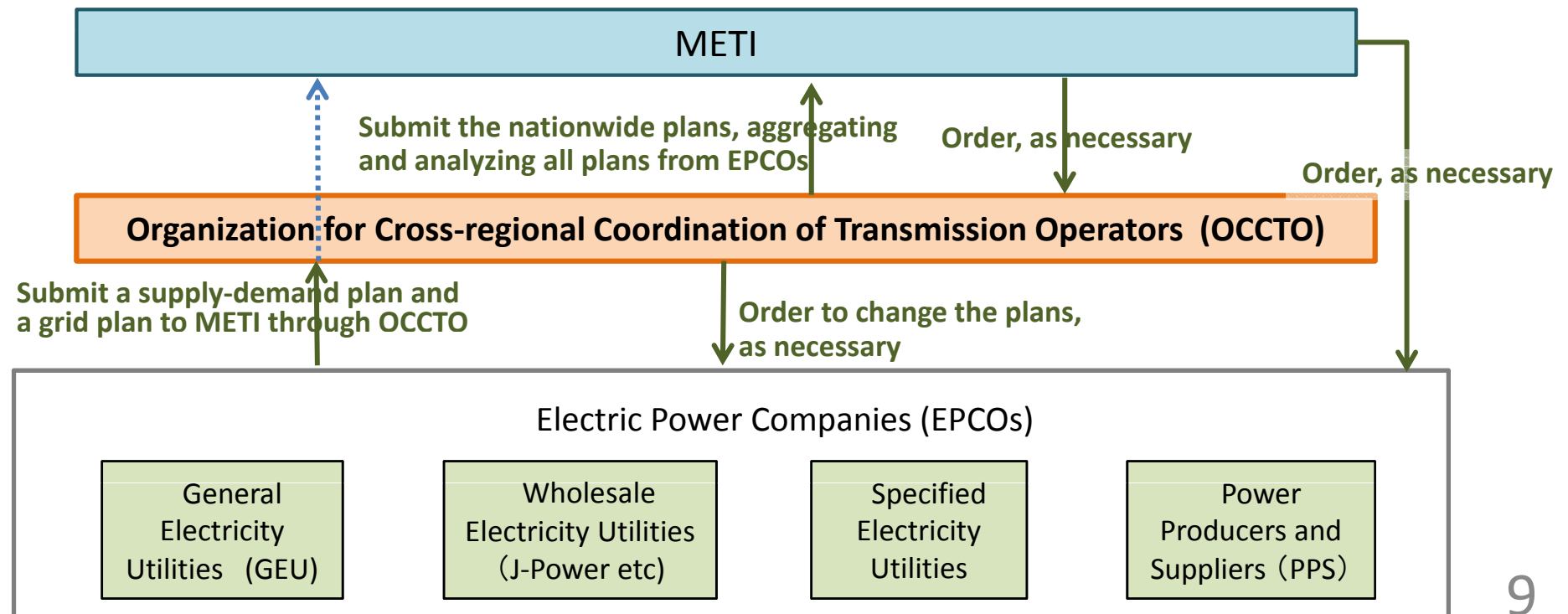
(※At around 2015: Transition to new regulatory organizations)

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PLANNED ACTIONS

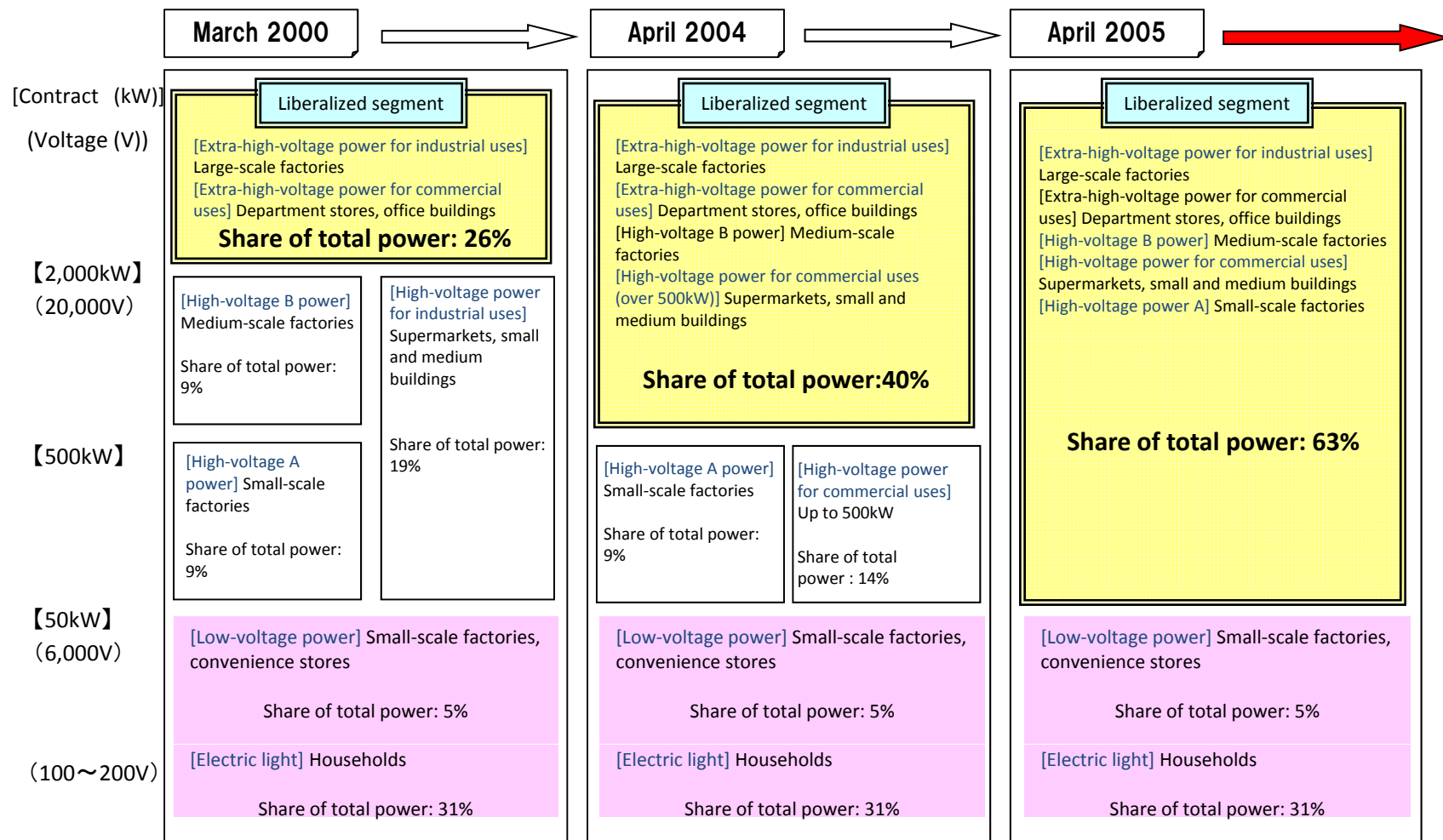
Agenda 1: Cross-regional Coordination of Transmission Operators

- Establish the Organization for Cross-regional Coordination of Transmission Operators (OCCTO) by about 2015
- Main functions of OCCTO: Detailed designing is ongoing
 1. Aggregate and analyze the EPCO's supply-demand plans and grid plans, and order to change EPCO's plans such as for tie lines
 2. Coordinate the supply-demand balancing and frequency adjustment by T/D sectors in each area
 3. Order EPCOs to reinforce generations and power interchanges under a tight supply-demand situation



Agenda 2: Full Retail Competition

- Expand the retail competition to the residential sector at around 2016
- Remain the regulated tariff to 10 big EPCOs until around 2018-2020

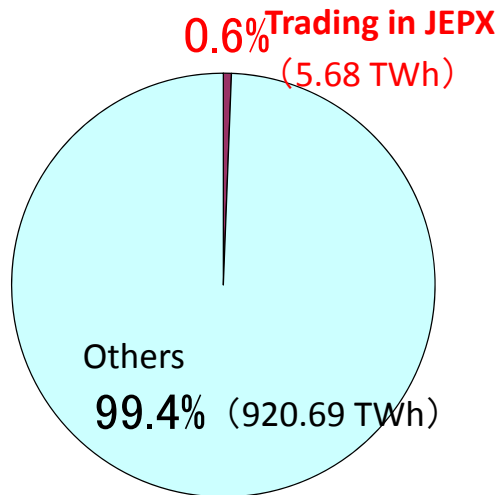


(Note) The scope of liberalization of Okinawa Electric Power Company was expanded in April 2004, from users of power over 20,000kW, 60,000V, to extra-high-voltage power users (over 2,000kW, in principle).

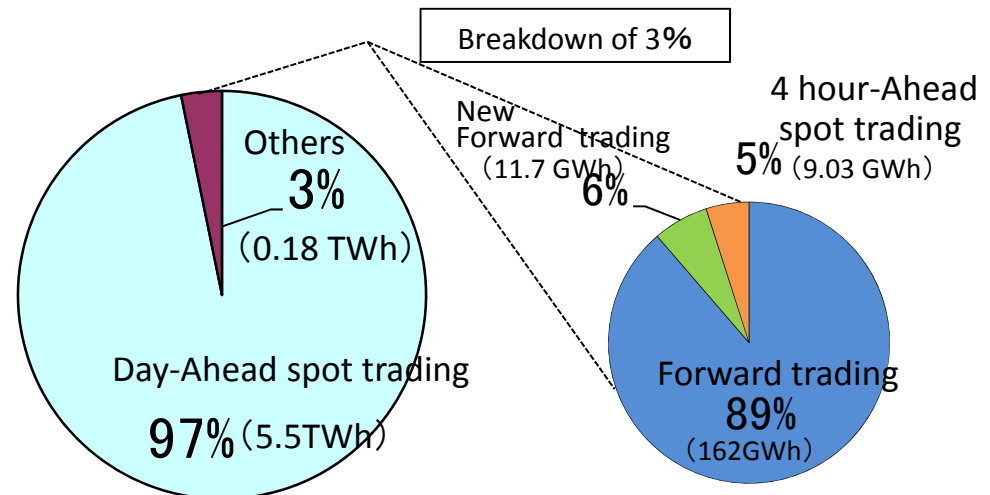
Activate generation competition

- Little use of the current wholesale market (JEPX)
 - ➔ • Activate the wholesale market
 - Introduce various products such as intra-day and futures
 - Secure the balancing market at the same time etc.
 - Promote the “nega-watt” trading
- etc.

Share of trading in JEPX to retail market sales

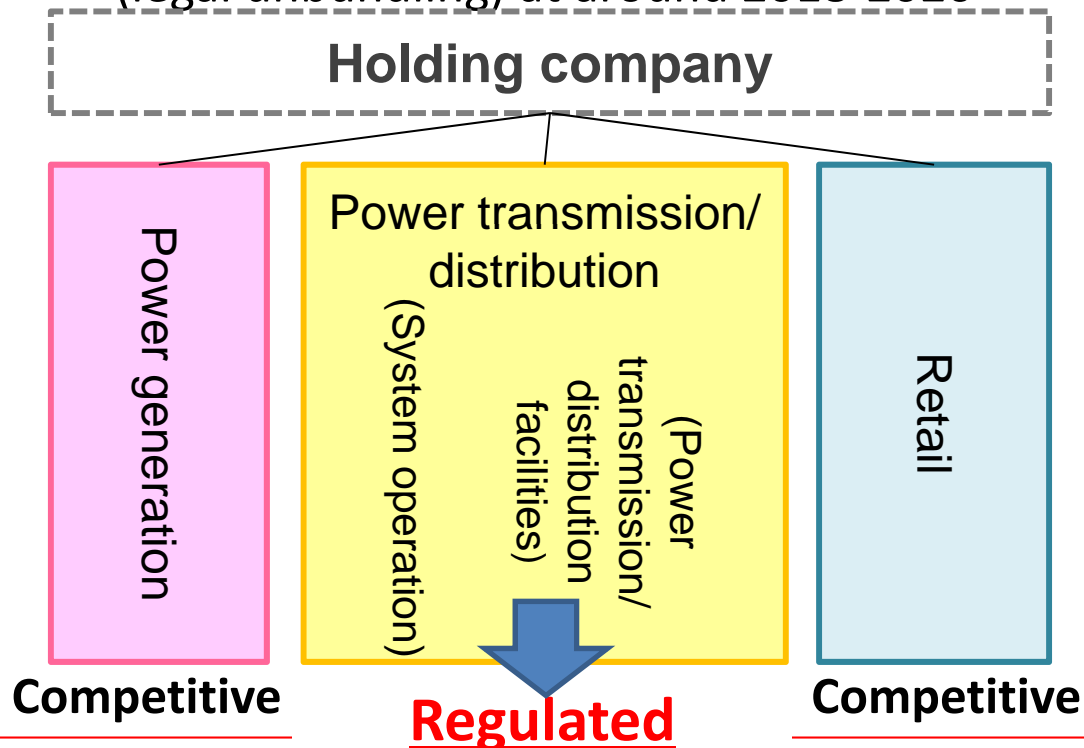


Breakdown of trading in JEPX



Agenda 3: Unbundle the transmission/distribution sector

- Need for securing the neutrality of the transmission/distribution sector
 - ➔ • Unbundle the transmission/distribution sectors by TSO-style (legal unbundling) at around 2018-2020



- Transmission/distribution businesses will continuously remain holding a regional monopoly and return of investments on electricity transmission/distribution grids will be institutionally guaranteed through tariff regulations including fully distributed cost methods. In addition, a high quality power supply acting as a foundation of economic activity, such as stable frequency and voltage, will be secured by continuously imposing the obligation to maintain a supply-demand balance of the whole electrical system.
- A code of conduct concerning personnel affairs and budget to secure greater neutrality will be implemented.

Generation company, Transmission/Distribution company and Retailer after the reform

A Generation company

- 1) Construct plants
- 2) Purchase fuel
- 3) Operate plants
- 4) Sell power to retailers (or retail section in the company)¹⁾

B Transmission/Distribution company

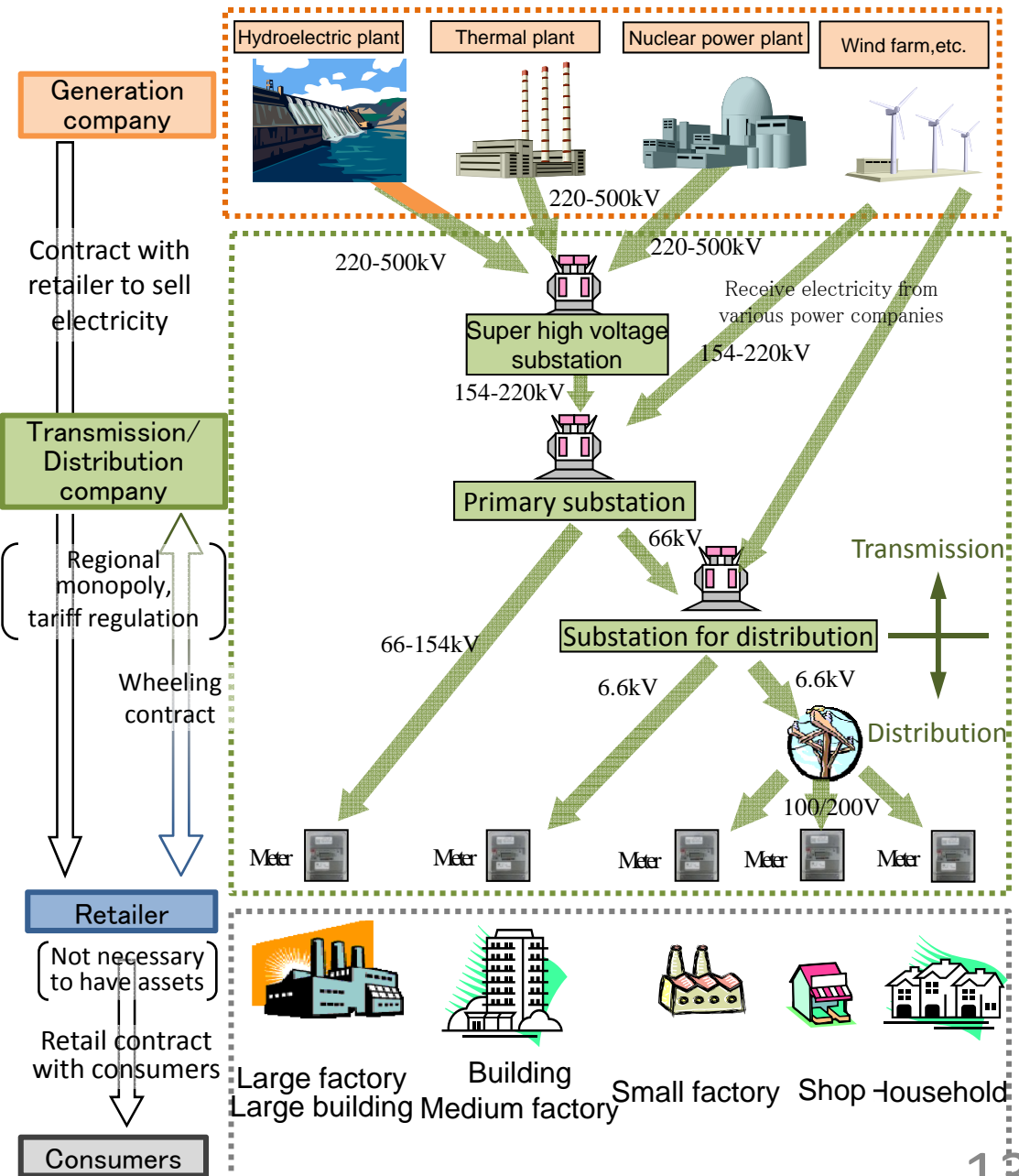
- 1) Regional monopoly, tariff regulation, 2) Guaranteed return of investment on lines through the regulated electricity rate, 3) Obligation to provide universal service, to maintain balance of demand-supply
- Code of conducts on some issues such as personnel, and accounting to secure neutrality

- 1) Construct and maintain transmission and distribution lines
- 2) Operate electric system (dispatch to each plant, stable power supply by operating the transmission/distribution lines)
- 3) Set up meters, metering
- 4) Provide “last resort service” and “universal service to isolated islands”

C Retailer

- 1) Purchase electricity to sell to consumers (purchase from power company or power sector in the company)¹⁾
- 2) Develop and provide tariff menus
- 3) Business to consumers, provide services
- 4) Collect the tariff

¹⁾ The case that a company has both retail sector and power sector.



Status of the amending bill on Electricity Business Act

April 2, 2013	Cabinet Decision
April 12, 2013	The Bill based on the Cabinet Decision was submitted to the Diet
May 28, 2013	Discussion on the Diet started
June 13, 2013	Passed the lower house
June 26, 2013	The regular Diet session ended → The current bill was abolished → Press conference of Minister Motegi “ We will submit the bill again to the next extraordinary Diet session, and surely will try to pass it.”
August 2, 2013	The Working Group for the detailed design started to discuss

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FURTHER DISCUSSION POINTS FOR DETAILED DESIGN

Further discussion points for detailed design

1. Retail competition

- Scheme to transfer or share consumer's information in order to facilitate switching retailers
- Way to facilitate the wholesale power exchange
- Design for the regulated tariff in the transition period

2. Resource Adequacy

- Scheme to maintain adequate capacity (obligation for retailers to secure adequate capacity, capacity market, generator's auction for the long-run capacity etc.)
- Financing new generations

3. Design for OCCTO and TDSOs

- Relations between OCCTO and TDSOs
- Relations between balancing mechanism and wholesale power exchange (imbalance fee etc.)
- Code of conduct and IT system design for unbundling of T&D sectors

Thank you!



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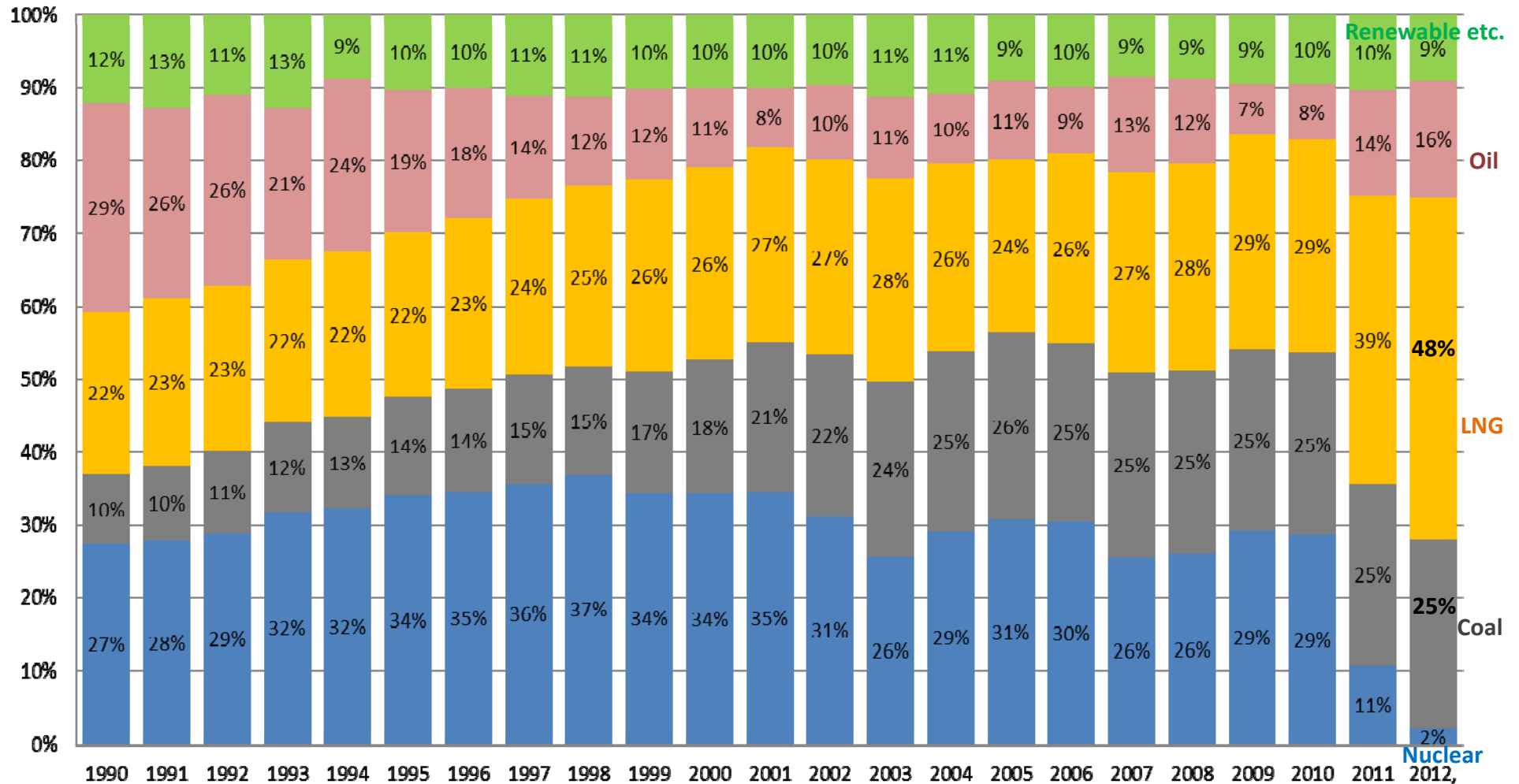
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APPENDIX

Energy mix in Japan

LNG mainly compensates for the decline of nuclear power.

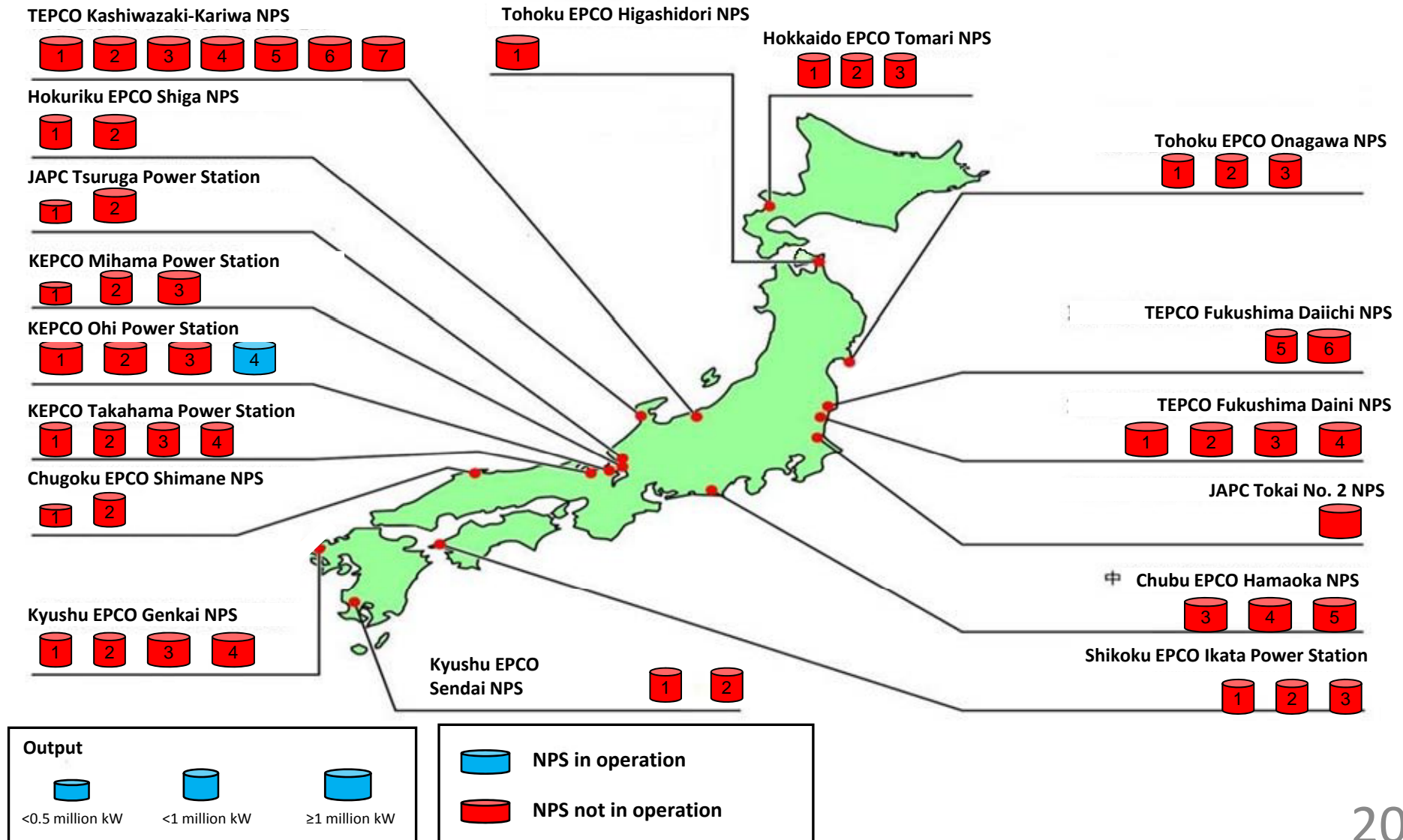
Electricity Generation by Fuel



Source: Compiled by METI based on "Outline of Electric Power Development in FY 2010" etc.

After 3.11: Nuclear Power Plants Suspended

- Only one out of 50 nuclear power plants are currently in operation
- Lost approximately 26% out of 1000TWh and 15% out of 280GW



After 3.11: Increase in Renewables

- Started Feed in Tariff Scheme for Renewables in July 2012.
 - PV, Wind, Small/Medium hydro, Biomass, Geothermal
 - Eg. 42 yen/kWh for PV
- Expect rapid increase in introduction of intermittent renewables

	Amount deployed as of FY2011	Capacity of facilities that started operation between Apr. 2012 and Jan. 2013	Capacity of facilities that were approved by the end of January 2013 for the fixed price purchase system
Solar PV (residential)	Approx. 4,400MW	1,023MW	958MW
Solar PV (non-residential)	Approx. 900MW	306MW	5,749MW
Wind	Approx. 2,500MW	37MW	570MW
Mid- to small-sized hydraulic (1000kW or more)	Approx. 9,400MW	1MW	1MW
Mid- to small-sized hydraulic (Less than 1000kW)	Approx. 200MW	2MW	4MW
Biomass	Approx. 2,100MW	25MW	84MW
Geothermal	Approx. 500MW	0MW	2MW
Total	Approx. 20,000MW	1,394MW	7,368MW

History of Reforms in Japan

No competition in the electricity market before 1995:
10 vertically integrated GEUs (General Electricity Utilities) dominated and controlled the market.



METI embarked series of reforms...

No.	Year enforced	Overview
1	1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open the IPP (Independent Power Producer) market• Allow specified-scaled and vertically integrated power generators
2	2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce partial retail competition• Accounting separation of transmission/distribution sector
3	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand retail competition• Establish the wholesale power exchange (JEPX) and its supporting body for transmission in wider areas
4	2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modify the rule of wheeling rates...

Expert Committee on Electricity System Reform

- Agency for Natural Resources and Energy organized the Expert Committee on Electricity System Reform in February 2012. The Committee compiled an interim report, “The Basic Policy on Electricity System Reform,” at the meeting on July 13.
- In November, the Committee started discussion on detailed design of reform. Based on the discussions over 12 meetings, the Committee compiled a final report on February 8, 2013.

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Securing the Stable Supply of Electricity

I . Transmission/Distribution companies

- (1) Secure a high quality power supply such as stable frequency and voltage by continuously imposing the obligation to maintain a supply-demand balance of the whole electrical system.
- (2) Have obligation to construct and maintain transmission/distribution network, guaranteed through regional monopoly and tariff regulations including fully distributed cost methods.
- (3) Provide the last resort service of supply, and secure a stable supply in isolated islands at equivalent price that is comparable to that of the mainland.

II . In Emergencies

- (1) “The Organization for Cross-regional Coordination of Transmission Operators”(OCCTO) balance supply and demand by means of ordering reinforcement of thermal power sources and power interchange.
- (2) Government (METI) orders/requests power companies and other companies which have in-house power generation to supply power, as necessary.

III . Securing Capacity of Power Supply

- (1) Place an obligation on electricity retailers to secure the capacity of power supply.
- (2) Recruit constructors of power plants, which will be prepared by “the Organization for Cross-regional Coordination of Transmission Operators” (OCCTO) for future electricity shortfalls.