Alert for a tighter electricity supply-demand balance

TEPCO and Tohoku EPCO have shifted to the status of rolling blackouts as “not implemented in principle”. Both companies have taken measures such as “visualization” of their electricity supply-demand balance. If the supply-demand balance becomes tight and there is a high possibility of unavoidable implementation of rolling blackouts, despite the various efforts for electricity saving by business operators and the people, the government will issue the “alert for a tighter electricity supply-demand balance”. When the “alert for a tighter electricity supply-demand balance” is issued in order to avoid rolling blackouts in summer, we would like you to not only pay attention to prevention of heat stroke, etc. but also cooperate with further electricity saving.

1. If there is a possibility of rolling blackouts being implemented (if the supply-reserve rate [*1] becomes less than 3%), the government will issue an alert for a tighter electricity supply-demand balance at 18:00 of the previous day [*2] (The first alert).

   [*1]: Supply-reserve rate is an index indicating the margin of supply capacity against electricity demand. In order to ensure stable electricity supply, the rate must be at least 3%.
   [*2]: If it is certain that the electricity supply-demand balance will become tight, we will issue the alert for tight electricity supply-demand balance before 18:00 of the previous day.

2. We will issue the alert for a tighter electricity supply-demand balance at 8:30 of the day [*3] (The second alert). If it is highly possible that rolling blackouts will be implemented at a certain time/hour, we will inform the public of such time/hour via this second alert.

   [*3]: If it is planned in the first alert that rolling blackouts will be implemented from 9:30, the second alert will be issued at 7:30.

3. If the possibility of implementation of rolling blackouts disappears (if the anticipated supply reserve rate becomes 3% or more for the whole day), we will cancel the alert for a tighter electricity supply-demand balance and will inform the public of the cancellation.

   If rolling blackouts become unavoidable, the electric power company will inform the public of the
implementation of the rolling blackouts two hours before the implementation. If the second alert announces any specific time/hour during which rolling blackouts are highly likely to be implemented, the electricity company will inform the public whether rolling blackouts will actually be implemented or not two hours before the time/hour in question.