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**Filing of a qualification screening application for participation in a tender for privatization of an general gas utility operated by Fujioka-shi & Takasaki-shi Gas Section**

Public Relations Department  
Tokyo Gas Company, Ltd.

On April 15, Fujioka-shi & Takasaki-shi Gas Section (Mr. Toshiaki Arai, President) began accepting applications for undertaking the proposed privatization of a general gas utility. Today, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. (Mr. Mitsunori Torihara, President) submitted such an application as well as an application for confirmation of qualification to Fujioka-shi & Takasaki-shi Gas Section.

Tokyo Gas supplies city gas to some 10 million customers. In the past, our Group undertook the privatization of the Enterprise Bureau of Nagano Prefecture as well as municipal gas entities in the cities of Konosu, Saitama Prefecture, and Yotsukaido, Chiba Prefecture. In all of these cases, it smoothly succeeded to and carried on the business.

If our application for confirmation of qualification is approved upon a screening by Fujioka-shi & Takasaki-shi Gas Section, we shall execute a survey of the business, assessment of business feasibility, detailed study of contract conditions, and other examinations as needed for preparation of a project proposal. In so doing, we shall draw upon the know-how we have accumulated in the gas business so far to make a decision on whether or not participation in this project would help to heighten the corporate value and shareholder value of our Group, and make a positive contribution to the further spread and expansion of natural gas use and increase in the benefit to communities and society as a whole.

[Reference]

**Outline of the Fujioka-shi & Takasaki-shi Gas Section**

Fujioka-shi & Takasaki-shi Gas Section is a local public enterprise operated jointly by the two cities of Fujioka and Takasaki, and engaged in supply of city gas.

- Trade name: Fujioka-shi & Takasaki-shi Gas Section
- Representative: Toshiaki Arai
- Address: 1971-2 Fujioka, Fujioka-shi, Gunma Prefecture
- Business: gas business
- Fiscal term: ending on March 31 each year
- Number of customers: 11,067
- Total assets\*: JPY 2,257 million

\* Figures based on gas business accounting regulations