Deregulation

City Gas and Electric Power Businesses

After Full Deregulation

After the phased and subsequent full deregulation of the electric power retail market in April 2016 and of the retail gas market in April 2017, Japan's energy market has become fully deregulated.



Deregulation has progressed in phases, shifting from large-lot to small-lot sales.



Electric power service area



All electric power grids across the whole of Japan, from Hokkaido in the northeast to Kyushu in the southwest, are connected by power distribution lines. This infrastructure enables power exchange (lending) across the conventional barriers between individual power companies, and supports the stable supply of electricity and efficient operation of power generation facilities.

Although in Japan electricity is distributed at frequencies of either 50Hz (East Japan) or 60Hz (West Japan) depending on the region, the installation of specialized transformer equipment in Nagano and Shizuoka prefectures has enabled the transformation and mutual exchange (lending) of certain volumes of electric power even between east and west.



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the majority of our raw materials, and have established a supply infrastructure, within the scope of reason, by constructing LNG terminals in proximity to major consumer areas. Because of this history, the development of a nationwide gas pipeline network has not progressed in the same way as the electric power business.

In the Japanese government's gas system reforms, too, experts have pointed out the necessity for developing an overall optimal pipeline network, and considerations are currently underway with regard to this.