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Dear Mr. Aizawa:

Please extend my heart-felt appreciation to Mr. Akira Kawano, of your staff, for his presentations to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Mr. Kawano shared his perspectives regarding the accident at the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant with both the NRC Region IV staff at our semi-annual Resident Inspector Counterpart Meeting, and also with the NRC senior leadership, members of the Japan Lessons Learned Project Directorate, and other interested staff at our Headquarters office in Rockville, Maryland.

During Mr. Kawano's presentations to Region IV, he shared the perspectives and experiences of the plant operators in response to the accident along with the status of decommissioning activities at the Fukushima Dai-ichi facility, lessons-learned, corrective actions, and selected technical topics of interest. Mr. Kawano's presentation at the NRC Headquarters office which was entitled, "Facts and Lessons of the Fukushima Nuclear Accident and Safety Improvement – The Operators Viewpoints," was also teleconferenced to all NRC regional offices. We also extend our thanks to Mr. Kenji Tateiwa of TEPCO's Washington, DC office, who also participated in the briefing at our Headquarters office.

We sincerely appreciate Mr. Kawano's and Mr. Tateiwa's willingness to speak openly about the accident. Their reflections enhanced the NRC staff's awareness of the challenges encountered during the accident response, as well as provided current insights regarding the accident sequence, plant response corrective actions, and decommissioning challenges.

Sincerely,

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