

Summary of the case against the Former General Electricity Utilities, etc.

1. Before the liberalization of retail supply of electricity.

Each of the Former General Electricity Utilities had been approved of a geographical monopolization in retail supply in its supply area under the Electricity Business Act.

2. Around 2017 - 2018

Expansion of the retail supply by Former General Electricity Utilities to supply areas not previously covered and new entry by the New Power Companies, etc. promoted price competition.

→ **The level of electricity rates fell.**

To avoid competition among the Former General Electricity Utilities at low rates to secure their own profit.

Agreement

The 6 companies, the Former General Electricity Utilities, etc. reached agreements to **mutually restrict their business activities for getting users in the other's supply area**

The Chugoku Electric Power

The Chugoku Electric Power and The Kansai Electric Power reached a following agreement:

- (i) to mutually restrict their business activities for getting the other's negotiation basis users in the other's supply area; and
- (ii) as for The Kansai Electric Power, to restrict participations and bids at low rate in the tenders held by the public offices, etc. in the supply area of The Chugoku Electric Power.

Chubu Electric Power

Chubu Electric Power
Miraiz

Chubu Electric Power, Chubu Electric Power Miraiz and The Kansai Electric Power reached an agreement to mutually restrict their business activities for getting the other's large-scale users in the other's supply area.

Kyushu Electric Power

Kyuden Mirai Energy

Kyushu Electric Power, Kyuden Mirai Energy and The Kansai Electric Power reached an agreement to mutually restrict proposals at low electricity rates in the bids held by the public offices, etc. in the other's supply area.

The Kansai Electric Power

※ "Large-scale user" means a user in the "extra-high voltage" or the "high voltage and large scale" category (except for the public offices, etc.).
 ※ "Negotiation basis user" means a Large-scale user and a user in the "high voltage and small scale" category (except for the public offices, etc.).

They maintained or raised the level of electricity rates in their own supply areas.