

General Electric and Hitachi set to get NRG nuclear facility order

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Japan's Hitachi Ltd. (6501.T) said on Friday U.S. merchant power company NRG Energy Inc. (NRG.N) is set to pick Hitachi and General Electric Co. (GE.N) to build nuclear power reactors for \$5.2 billion.

NRG said on Wednesday it would build two nuclear reactors in Texas as part of a \$16 billion investment to create 10,500 megawatts of new U.S. electricity generation.

"We have not officially received an order, but NRG told us it wanted to work with GE and us," a Hitachi spokesman said, adding the companies were set to discuss details of the deal.

NRG will construct 2,700 MW advanced boiling water reactors, a technology that has been used in Japan but not yet in the United States even though it has been approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The facilities are expected to begin operations in 2014, the Hitachi spokesman said.

Rival Toshiba Corp. (6502.T) agreed in February to acquire Westinghouse, the U.S. power plant arm of British Nuclear Fuels Ltd., for \$5.4 billion to boost its stake in the resurgent nuclear power industry.

NRG Energy, Inc. is a wholesale power generation company. The Company is primarily engaged in the ownership and operation of power generation facilities, purchasing fuel and transportation services to support its power plant operations, and marketing and trading energy, capacity and related products in the competitive markets in which the Company operates. On February 2, 2006, NRG acquired Texas Genco LLC. As of December 31, 2005, the combined company had a total global portfolio of 235 operating generation units at 61 power generation plants, with an aggregate generation capacity of approximately 24,580 megawatts.