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Summary of Meeting of the Radio Regulatory Council (No. 877)

1. Date and Time

October 8, 2003 (Wednesday)

16:00 to 17:23

2. Location

Meeting Room of MIC (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications)

(Meeting Room No. 1001 on the 10th floor)

3. Attendees (Honorifics omitted)

(1) Members of the Radio Regulatory Council

Yasuhiko Yasuda (Chairperson), Takeo Inokuchi (Vice-Chairperson), Kashiko Kodate

(2) Hearing Examiner of the Radio Regulatory Council

Taku Kiyasu

(3) Secretary

Masao Okamoto (Deputy Director of the General Affairs Division, Telecommunications Bureau)

(4) MIC (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications)

Aso (Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications), Takahara (Director-General of the Information and Communications Policy Bureau), Aritomi (Director-General of the Telecommunications Bureau), Takeda (Director-General of the Radio Department), and others

4. Minutes of the Meeting

Regarding the blanket license for specified radio stations that belong to KDDI CORPORATION and OKINAWA CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY

(Consultation No. 24)

MIC explained the blanket license for specified radio stations that belong to KDDI CORPORATION and OKINAWA CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY and provided a Q&A session as follows. The Council deliberated this matter and replied indicating that the Council regarded it as acceptable.

a. Explanation by MIC

KDDI CORPORATION and OKINAWA CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY are now providing CDMA2000 1x method cellular phone services with a maximum transmission rate of 144kbps. This intends to deploy cellular phone services with the CDMA2000 1xEV-DO method that has been derived from improving the data transmission rate of the CDMA2000 1x method to respond to social needs. The July 23 meeting of the Radio Regulatory Council reported that it was appropriate to grant the blanket license to dual-mode terminals (specified radio stations that had one terminal equipped with both CDMA2000 1x method and CDMA2000 1x EV-DO method functions) in the Kanto, Tokai, and Kinki areas. This application is from KDDI CORPORATION and OKINAWA CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY for a blanket license for dual-mode terminals in eight areas, such as Hokkaido, other than the Kanto, Tokai, and Kinki areas on which the Council already deliberated.

As a result of examining the application, MIC wishes to grant the blanket license based on the provisions in Article 27-5 of the Radio Law because MIC recognizes that it meets the relevant requirements in the Examination Standards for the Radio Law and the Essential Standards for Opening of Specified Radio Stations.

b. Main contents of the Q&A session

- The following question was asked: “What are the grounds for calculating the number of housable radio stations when examining the maximum number of operational radio stations?”

MIC answered as follows: “The number has been calculated based on the total capacity of the facilities built up to now. KDDI CORPORATION and OKINAWA CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY construct infrastructure facilities such as base stations and MIC calculates the number of housable radio stations based on the capacity of the constructed infrastructure facilities. For this reason, the number certainly fluctuates among areas, which means both companies have constructed many infrastructures and facilities in certain areas.”

- The following questions were asked: “In connection with the first question, why is the maximum number of operational radio stations for which the companies have applied quite small for the number of housable radio stations? Is it because there is not much demand? Why is the number of housable radio stations this high?”

MIC answered as follows: “As it is a matter of their business plan, MIC, as an administrative body, is not sure how to answer the questions from the member. This is how MIC understands them. They plan to handle voice traffic with the 1x method. As the low-speed data can be also handled with the 1x method, they may have judged, on a business basis, that high-speed data transmission does not require many terminals for now.”

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