

Telecommunications Council, Telecommunications Business Division (67th Meeting) Summary of Minutes

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1. Date and time  
Friday, September 29, 2006 10:00-11:51
2. Location  
First Special Conference Room of MIC (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications) (8th floor)
3. Attendees (Honorifics omitted)
  - (1) Telecommunications Business Division members  
Yoshinori Sakai (Deputy Director), Nobuko Takahashi, Masatsugu Tsuji, Mikio Toukai, and Yusuke Yasuda  

(Total of 5 members)
  - (2) Secretary  
Yamane (Director of the General Affairs Division, Information and Communications Policy Bureau)
  - (3) MIC (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications)  
Mori (Director-General of the Telecommunications Bureau), Sakurai (Director-General of the Telecommunications Business Department), Samura (Director of the General Affairs Division, Telecommunications Bureau), Suzuki (Director of the Telecommunications Policy Division), Taniwaki (Director of the Tariff Division), Ninomiya (Senior Planning Officer of the Tariff Division), Watanabe (Director of the Telecommunications Systems Division), Miyamoto (Director-General of the Numbering Plan Office), and Emura (Director of the Advanced Network Division)
4. Agenda
  - Reports
    - a. Regarding "authorization of changes to interconnection tariffs concerning Category 1 designated telecommunications facilities of NTT East and NTT West (addition of new maintenance menu pertaining to

leased circuits, etc.)"(Consultation No. 1154 of July 21, 2006)

The Interconnection Committee studied and examined the applications filed by NTT East and NTT West in light of the comments submitted by the public. Having deliberated on the matter in response to the report on the examination results from the Committee, the council replied indicating that it was appropriate to authorize the applications as requested.

[Summary]

The applications plan to add a new maintenance menu for daytime slots for seven days a week to the current two menus for daytime slots for weekdays and fulltime slots for seven days a week in the maintenance menu for leased circuits, etc.

- b. Regarding "authorization of changes to interconnection tariffs concerning Category 1 designated telecommunications facilities of NTT East and NTT West (offering functions for interconnection services for directory assistance )"(Consultation No. 1155 of July 21, 2006)

The Interconnection Committee studied and examined the applications filed by NTT East and NTT West in light of the comments submitted by the public. Having deliberated on the matter in response to the report on the examination results from the Committee, the council replied indicating that it was appropriate to authorize the applications as requested. In addition, the council attached to the report the following two requests that the MIC should consider:

- 1) It is expected that if any interconnecting telecommunications carrier requests an additional function that enables the carrier to use a relay network it selects when calls are originated from the carrier's direct type of fixed telephone systems, etc., NTT East and/or NTT West will start to develop the additional functions without delay and promptly provide them when ready.

Then, all interconnecting telecommunications carriers that will use the additional function shall bear the cost required to provide the function as a part of the cost of the interconnection charges related to it.

- 2) It is expected that NTT East and NTT West and interconnecting telecommunications carriers inform users about the following through appropriate means so that they may use this service with a proper understanding of it.
  - When users make a call with their fixed NTT East or NTT West telephones, they will be charged at a call rate set by NTT East or NTT West if the call is a local call or an intercity call within a prefecture, or by NTT Communications Corporation (hereinafter called "NTT Com") if it is an intercity call between prefectures, because the priority connection (My Line) function does not apply.

Note that if users make a call with a direct-type telephone of an

interconnecting telecommunications carrier and the tariff for intercity calls between prefectures are set by NTT Com, they will be charged at the call rate set by the interconnecting telecommunication carrier.

- If an interconnecting telecommunications carrier sets a new tariff for this service, users must pay the usage fee of this service per se in addition to that of the directory assistance service when using that service.

[Summary]

In the wake of the addition of a new function related to the interconnection service function for directory assistance, this application seeks to set a new interconnection charge for the function.

#### ○Inquiries

- a. Regarding authorization of the amount of the universal service support and support methods pursuant to the provisions of Article 109 paragraph (1) of the Telecommunications Business Law and authorization of the amount of the contributions and collection methods pursuant to the provisions of Article 110 paragraph (2) of the same law (authorization of the amount of the universal service support and support methods and authorization of the amount of the contributions and collection methods based upon the universal service fund system) (Consultation No. 1157)

Having deliberated on the matter, the council decided to announce what it had been asked to deliberate by releasing it to the press and posting it on the Internet, and invited the general public to submit their comments to the inquiry.

[Summary]

The applications seek authorization of the amount of the universal service support and support method for NTT East and NTT West and authorization of the amount of contributions and collection methods for interconnecting telecommunication carriers, etc. based on a universal service fund system.

- b. Regarding regulatory frameworks pertaining to telecommunications numbers for introducing Fixed-Mobile Convergence (FMC) services (Consultation No. 1158)

Having deliberated on the matter, the council decided to continue to deliberate on it in future and establish a new unit, the "Telecommunications Number Committee," where this inquiry and future issues related to the telecommunication numbers that would emerge would be studied and examined.

[Summary]

Towards the early realization of future FMC services, the council will deliberate on specified requirements on new numbers for FMC services such as quality and the specific range and specified requirements of FMC services related to existing numbers. In addition, the newly established Telecommunications Number Committee will study and deliberate this inquiry and issues related to telecommunications numbers that may emerge in future.

○Reports from MIC

- a. Regarding "New Competition Promotion Program 2010"  
MIC reported on the program.

[Summary]

In light of the report compiled on September 13, 2006 by the Study Group on a Framework for Competition Rules to Address the Transition to IP-Based Networks, the program indicates when specific measures that will have been implemented early in the 2010s will be deliberated from the viewpoint of promoting competition in the communication field.

- b. Regarding "Next-Generation Broadband Strategy 2010"

MIC reported on the strategy.

[Summary]

The strategy sets up goals to be accomplished by FY2010, including elimination of areas without broadband platforms and basic concepts required upon preparation, including those for a roadmap.