

Telecommunications Council, Telecommunications Business Division (68th Meeting) Summary of Minutes

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1. Date and time  
Friday, October 20, 2006 14:00-14:53
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  
Akira Negishi (Division Director), Yoshinori Sakai (Deputy Director), Nobuko Takahashi, Masatsugu Tsuji, Mikio Toukai, Miki Nagata, and Yusuke Yasuda  
(Total of 7 members)
  - (2) Secretary  
Matsumura (Deputy 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), and Ninomiya (Senior Planning Officer of the Tariff Division)
4. Agenda
  - Inquiries
    - a. Regarding authorization of changes to an interconnection tariff concerning Category 1 designated telecommunications facilities of NTT East Corp. (addition of functions of information disclosure system on estimated construction work period for fiber-optic subscriber local loop) (Consultation

No. 1159)

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 information disclosure system on the estimated construction work period for a fiber-optic subscriber local loop is a system on NTT East's website to display information on estimated time periods when fiber-optic subscriber local loops will become available at various locations by prompting visitors to the website to enter the telecommunications number of the relevant location. The application intends to change the interconnection tariff so that NTT East may disclose more detailed information by adding databases that deal with whether or not it is possible to decide a construction start date right away, whether or not on-site survey on a one-unit home is required, and estimated construction periods for the shared access method.

- b.Regarding authorization of changes to interconnection tariffs concerning Category 1 designated telecommunications facilities of NTT East and NTT West (addition of additional charges pertaining to cost sharing for Universal Service Fund) (Consultation No. 1160)

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]

To allow NTT East and NTT West to request users to shoulder costs for universal services according to usage of telecommunications numbers for public telephones that use the numbers when they provide functions such as the public telephone function, the applications intend to change the interconnection tariff to set additional charges related to universal services as a part of interconnection charges for the said function.

- c.Regarding preparation of interconnection rules pertaining to revision of collocation rules (Consultation No. 1160)

Having deliberated the matter, the council decided to request the Interconnection Committee to study and consider it and prepare a council report by deliberating on it in response to the report from the Committee.

[Summary]

From the viewpoint of development of the interconnection rules that deal with changes in the market structure due to the transition from PSTN to IP networks and the progress of broadband-based networks, the purpose of this

inquiry is to conduct a comprehensive deliberation on individual, specific reviews of interconnection rules, such as the collocation rules, and streamline the laws, regulations, and mechanisms required for developing such interconnection rules, based on proposals by stakeholders, including the carriers concerned.