

Cable Broadcasting Sub-Council, Telecommunications Council
Summary of Minutes (15th Meeting)

1. Date and Time

Friday, March 30, 2007, 17:00 to 18:20

2. Location

Special Conference Room 1, 8th floor

3. Attendees (honorifics omitted)

(1) Council Members

Yoshiaki Nemoto (Chair), Chika Sekine (Deputy-Chair), Kazuko Otani, Yasuhiko Osamura, Akira Negishi (total of five members)

(2) Council Secretariat

Matsumura (Assistant Manager of the General Affairs Division, Information and Communications Policy Bureau)

(3) MIC Representatives

Fujishima (Director of the Regional Broadcasting Division), Honma (Senior Technology Planning Officer of the Regional Broadcasting Division)

4. Agenda (1 item was disclosed; 2 were not disclosed)

(1) Reports

a. Authorization Status of Establishment of Cable Television Broadcasting Facilities pertaining to Article 26-2 Proviso (Minor Matters that Do Not Require a Consultation Process) of the Cable Television Broadcast Law

MIC reported on the matter.

[Summary]

MIC reported that, during the period from July 1, 2006 to March 30, 2007, the establishment of cable

television broadcasting facilities with less than 10,000 terminals, which do not require a consultation process, was authorized for a total of 12 applications.

b. Current Status of Cable Television

MIC reported on the matter.

[Summary]

MIC reported on the following four matters:

- 1) Changes in the number of subscribing households and the penetration rate
- 2) Penetration rate in each prefecture
- 3) Changes in the business conditions of cable television broadcasters over the past five years
- 4) Registration status of the broadcasters on telecommunications services who provide wire telecommunications services

c. Technical Requirements for BS-Intermediate-Frequency Pass-Through Transmission, which has Become Available as FTTH Transmission Bands Have Expanded, and Advancing Source Coding and Transmission Coding Methods (Part of Technical Requirements for Cable Television Systems)
(Telecommunications Technology Sub-Council Report of March 28, 2007 [Consultation No. 2024])

MIC reported on the matter.

[Summary]

On March 28, 2007, the Telecommunications Technology Sub-Council submitted a report to MIC in regard to the technical requirements for BS-intermediate-frequency pass-through transmission, which has become available as FTTH transmission bands have expanded, and advancing source coding and transmission coding method, as a partial report on the technical requirements for cable television systems. In response to this report, MIC explained future administrative measures in regard to this matter.

(2) Consultations

a. Authorization of Establishment of Cable Television Broadcasting Facilities in Kahoku City, Ishikawa Prefecture
(Consultation No. 1167)

Having deliberated on the matter, the sub-council submitted a report, which stated that it is appropriate to authorize the establishment.

[Summary]

In March 2004, three towns in Ishikawa Prefecture—Takamatsu-cho, Nanatsuka-machi, and Unoke-machi—merged to form the city of Kahoku. The newly created city intends to establish cable television facilities using the FTTH system as community-based information infrastructure. The facilities will be used for re-transmission of services for terrestrial broadcasting programs, multi-channel broadcasting, community channels providing life information and administration information, as well as broadband services. The city therefore submitted an application for the establishment, as part of its efforts to develop an advanced local information structure.

b. Authorization of Establishment of Cable Television Broadcasting Facilities in Wajima City, Ishikawa Prefecture

(Consultation No. 1168)

Having deliberated on the matter, the sub-council submitted its report, which stated that it is appropriate to authorize the establishment.

[Summary]

In February 2006, the town of Monzen-machi and the city of Wajima in Ishikawa Prefecture merged to form the new city of Wajima. The newly created city intends to establish cable television facilities using the HFC system as community-based information infrastructure. The facilities will be used for services of re-transmission of terrestrial broadcasting programs, multi-channel broadcasting, community channels providing life information and administration information, as well as broadband services. The city therefore submitted an application for the establishment, as part of its efforts to develop an advanced local information structure.