

Telecommunications Business Sub-Council, Telecommunications Council

—88th Meeting

Summary of Minutes

1. Date and Time

Thursday, February 28, 2008; 14:00 - 15:20

2. Location

Special Conference Room 1, 8th floor

3. Attendees (honorifics omitted)

(1) Sub-Council Members

Akira Negishi (Chair), Nobuko Takahashi, Masatsugu Tsuji, Mikio Tokai, Miki Nagata, Yusuke Yasuda (a total of six members)

(2) Secretariat

Watanabe (Assistant Director, General Affairs Division, Information and Communications Policy Bureau)

(3) MIC Representatives

Terasaki (Director-General, Telecommunications Bureau), Takeuchi (Director-General, Telecommunications Business Department), Taniwaki (Director, Telecommunications Policy Division), Furuichi (Director, Tariff Division), Muramatsu (Senior Planning Officer, Tariff Division)

4. Agenda

(1) Reports to MIC

- a. Draft MIC Ordinance to Partially Amend the Regulations for Enforcement of the Telecommunications Business Law, Etc. (Consultation No. 1197 of December 18, 2007)

Based on the results of the public comment procedure, the sub-council reported to MIC that it is appropriate to amend the Regulations as per the consultation document with one modification.

Summary

The Regulations for Enforcement of the Telecommunications Business Law are to be amended as part of MIC's effort to develop necessary provisions related to the "review of

the accounting system,” which is one of the specific actions listed in the New Competition Promotion Program 2010.

b. Authorization of Changes to the Interconnection Tariffs concerning Category I Designated Telecommunications Facilities of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone East Corporation (Addition of a Function to the Local Number Portability Application System) (Consultation No. 1201 of January 15, 2008)

The sub-council reported to MIC that it is appropriate to change the interconnection tariffs as per the consultation document.

Summary

Currently, any applications concerning local number portability, such as the cancellation of or change in routing numbers, number transfers to other telecommunications carriers and requests for investigation of the viability of number transfers, are accepted via fax. In order to make this service available online in the local number portability application system, MIC intends to change its interconnection tariffs to set charge amounts for works and procedures concerning the local number portability application system.

c. Authorization of Changes to the Interconnection Tariffs concerning Category I Designated Telecommunications Facilities of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone East Corporation (Addition of the Time Designation Procedure for the Connection of Fiber-Optic Subscriber Local Loops) (Consultation No. 1202 of January 15, 2008)

The sub-council reported to MIC that it is appropriate to change the interconnection tariffs as per the consultation document.

Summary

MIC intends to change the interconnection tariffs by adding a menu that allows users to designate the time of arrival of NTT East's staff for site investigations and connection works for fiber-optic subscriber local loops.

Authorization of Changes to the Interconnection Tariffs concerning Category I Designated Telecommunications Facilities of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone East Corporation and Nippon Telegraph and Telephone West Corporation (Revision of FY2008 Interconnection Charges Based on the Long-Run Incremental Cost Method, Etc.) (Consultation No. 1205)

The sub-council decided to issue a press release thereon, and publicize the matter over the Internet to invite public comment thereon through March 21, 2008.

Summary

On February 8, 2008, the MIC ordinance to amend part of the Rules for Interconnection Charges and the MIC ordinance to partially amend the MIC ordinance to amend part of the Rules for Interconnection Charges were promulgated and enforced in part. In conjunction with these moves, MIC intends to make necessary changes to the interconnection tariffs of NTT East and NTT West, including revision of the fiscal 2008 interconnection charges to be calculated by the revised Long-Run Incremental Cost (LRIC) method.

(3) Report from MIC

Results of Verification (FY2007) based on the Competition Safeguard System

MIC reported on the matter.

Summary

Based on its New Competition Promotion Program 2010, MIC has been operating the competition safeguard system since fiscal 2007 in order to periodically check the validity of accumulated fair competition requirements concerning the NTT group. Having released the verification results for fiscal 2007 on 18th of this month, MIC reported on them today.