

Telecommunications Business Sub-Council, Telecommunications Council

—90th Meeting

Summary of Minutes

1. Date and Time

Tuesday, April 22, 2008; 14:00 - 15:30

2. Location

Special Conference Room 1, 8th floor

3. Attendees (honorifics omitted)

(1) Sub-Council Members

Akira Negishi (Chair), Yoshinori Sakai (Vice Chair), Nobuko Takahashi, Masatsugu Tsuji, Mikio Tokai, Miki Nagata, Yusuke Yasuda (a total of seven 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), Furuichi (Director, Tariff Division), Muramatsu (Senior Planning Officer, Tariff Division), Takeuchi (Director, Telecommunication Systems Division)

4. Agenda

Reports to MIC

- a. Partial Amendment of the Regulations for Enforcement of the Telecommunications Business Law, Etc. (Consultation No. 1206)

The sub-council decided to invite public comment on the draft amendment consulted, as well as on the matters that were not included in the consultation, while conducting study at the Interconnection Committee.

Summary

In its Report No. 53 of March this year, titled “Next-Generation Network Interconnection Rules,” the Telecommunications Council presented matters in the interconnection rules to

be amended with regard to NGN of NTT East and NTT West. In response, MIC intends to amend the Regulations as part of MIC's efforts to develop necessary provisions relating to the NGN.

b. Authorization of Changes to the Interconnection Tariffs Concerning Category I Designated Telecommunications Facilities of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone East Corporation (Addition of Functions for Disclosure of Information on Estimated Delivery Dates of Fiber-Optic Subscriber Local Loop) (Consultation No. 1207)

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

Summary

As NTT East intends to add a function to the information disclosure system on estimated delivery dates for fiber-optic subscriber local loop, the interconnection tariffs should be changed with regard to processing fees.

c. Ideals for Universal Service Fund System (Consultation No. 1208)

Having deliberated on the matter, the sub-council decided to study the matter at the Universal Service Committee.

Summary

The market environment surrounding the Universal Service Fund System has been rapidly and significantly changing since its launch. Particularly notable is migration from circuit switching networks to IP networks. With the advancement of broadband networks, subscribers to IP telephony have sharply increased while subscribers to subscriber telephone services have been decreasing. In consideration of these, the MIC Minister consulted the Telecommunications Council on ideals for the Universal Service Fund System, including the scope of the system, the method for calculating the maintenance cost of the system, and the method for sharing costs.

d. Partial Amendment of the Regulations for Telecommunications Facilities for

Telecommunications Business (Consultation No. 1209)

The sub-council decided that MIC should invite public comment on the draft amendment consulted, as well as on the matters that were not included in the consultation and that it would submit its report to MIC by considering the contributed comment.

Summary

MIC intends to amend two provisions of the Regulations for Telecommunications Facilities for Telecommunications Business: the provision not to require the installation of standby power sources at cellular telephone base stations when these stations satisfy certain requirements; and the provisions on prevention of transmission of different telecommunications numbers. The amendment to the latter provisions is a measure to prevent disguised callers (identity thieves) and the like with regard to telecommunications circuit facilities for voice transmission services, which are provided using telecommunications numbers with a 050 prefix for IP telephony or telecommunication numbers for cellular phones and PHS handsets. Such preventive measures for facilities for analog telephone services, ISDN services and IP telephony using 0AB-J numbers have been implemented as mandated by law.