

Foreword

NTT East has long been promoting the opening of our networks and at the same time facilitating the smooth interconnection to our networks by voluntarily establishing rules for interconnection. In pursuing smooth interconnection with the facilities of other carriers in particular, we have been issuing this Guidebook for Interconnection on a regular basis to provide explanations of the interconnection procedures, etc.

To further develop an overall information and communications market including broadband services, we recognize the need to improve the value of the networks themselves through a cooperative relationship among telecommunications carriers in addition to efforts by each individual carrier to expand its own business activities. In line with these objectives, we intend to exert every effort to provide network resources that are even more convenient for other carriers to use. We look forward to your usage of our networks, and hope this guidebook will serve as a useful reference in promoting smooth and efficient interconnection.

Framework of this Guidebook

This Guidebook consists of three volumes: (1) Common Interconnection Procedures, (2) Specific Procedures for Each Pattern of Interconnection, and (3) Reference Information Concerning Interconnection.

Please use each volume of this guidebook for the purposes indicated below.

Volume 1: Please confirm the interconnection procedures based on the Articles of Agreement Concerning Interconnection.

Volume 2: The second volume introduces the necessary information for each pattern of interconnection used by other carriers.

Volume 3: The third volume explains the interconnection rules and other details and introduces various activities undertaken by NTT East for the development of telecommunications.

The latest information is available on the NTT East Homepage at the following address.

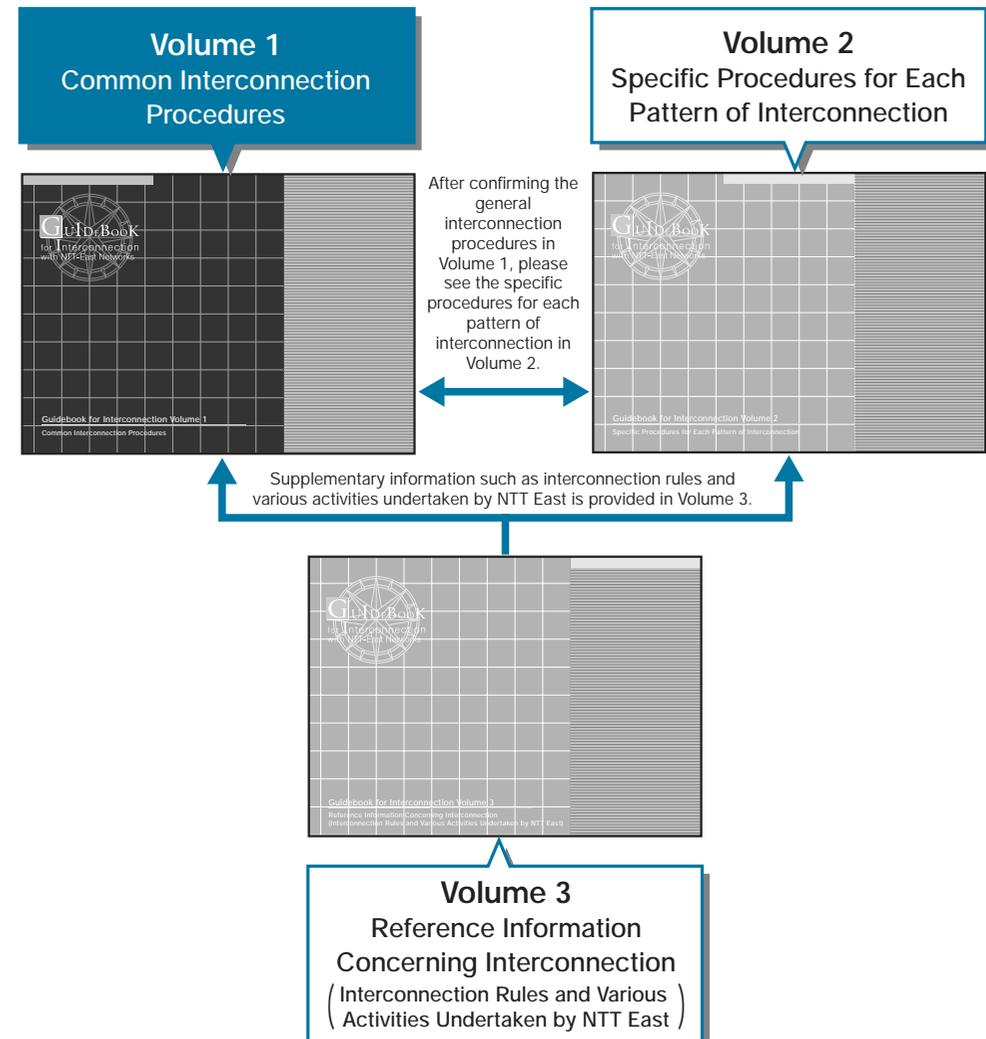
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Before Making an Application

Various applications need to be submitted for interconnection to NTT East networks. In submitting these applications, please provide information that is as accurate as possible on each application form in order to ensure a prompt response to your interconnection request. Before making an application, moreover, please carefully review the Articles of Agreement Concerning Interconnection, the Guidebook for Interconnection, and the information provided on our Homepage.

In considering interconnection to NTT East networks, please refer to this Guidebook, the Articles of Agreement Concerning Interconnection, and the various types of information provided before submitting your applications. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Interconnection Business Promotion Section of the Interconnection Promotion Department.

While we will make every effort to provide information concerning interconnection in English, please note that consultations about interconnection, the exchange of formal documents concerning negotiations, and the conclusion of Interconnection Agreements and other contracts must be handled in Japanese only.



Basic Principles of Interconnection

As NTT East firmly believes that increased competition creates a more vital market and leads to greater diversity in services, we are working to promote network interconnection under the principle of endeavoring to meet all interconnection requests from other carriers. In addition, we are also exerting our best efforts to build networks that are reliable and easy for other carriers to use.

Meeting all interconnection requests in principle

- The charges required for interconnection are specified in the Articles of Agreement Concerning Interconnection.
- We may find it necessary to decline interconnection requests only under the following four cases as specified in Paragraph 1, Article 22 of the Articles of Agreement Concerning Interconnection.

Cases raising any concern that the smooth provision of telecommunications service by NTT East will be hindered.

Cases raising any concern that NTT East's interests will be unduly damaged by the interconnection.

The applicant for interconnection has failed or is likely to fail to pay any amount due with respect to interconnection.

Cases in which the installation or modification of telecommunications facilities to establish interconnection is extremely difficult from a technical or economic standpoint.

Ensuring fair, impartial and non-discriminatory interconnection conditions that are identical for all carriers

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