

IPv6 on FLETS Hikari: a way forward?

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- Google is not a player in the Japanese ISP market
- Now, with that out of the way...



## Background

- World IPv6 Launch
  - "Fallback" problem caused widespread AAAA filtering
  - Risk: Japan takes its own path as the rest of the world embraces IPv6
  - Only solution is wide deployment of IPv6 Internet access
- IPv6 support provided by FLETS光
  - NGN: 案2 (PPPoE+NAT66), 案4 (native IPoE+source routing)
  - B-FLETS: currently no options
- ISP uptake of IPv6 on FLETS 光 is very low (~0.1%)
  - Suggests options are unattractive
- Easiest path might be:
  - Start from NGN (there are technical options already)
  - Start from existing options and make as few changes as possible



## Assumptions

- Based on our understanding:
- IPv6 IPoE lower infrastructure cost
  - No PPP concentrators
  - No L2TP terminators
  - No NAT66 in CPE
- IPv6 IPoE has some technical advantages
  - Faster (1Gbps vs 200Mbps for residential)
  - No tunneling
  - No NAT66
    - No multiprefix problem
    - Wide support in common OSes and routers, Japanese and international
- In the long term, lower infrastructure cost is good for everyone



## Issues with current 案4

- 1. Competitive landscape
  - Only 3 VNEs can use it
    - All others have to outsource operation to VNEs
- 2. Complicates operational support
  - Operations outsourced to VNEs
    - Increases troubleshooting / support costs
- 3. Higher cost to ISPs
  - Not part of NGN basic service
  - ISP must Intra-prefecture traffic can only carried by NGN, not ISP
    - Only POIs are in Tokyo (東) and Osaka (西)
- 4. Complex application process
  - Currently being addressed



## Increasing number of VNEs and POIs

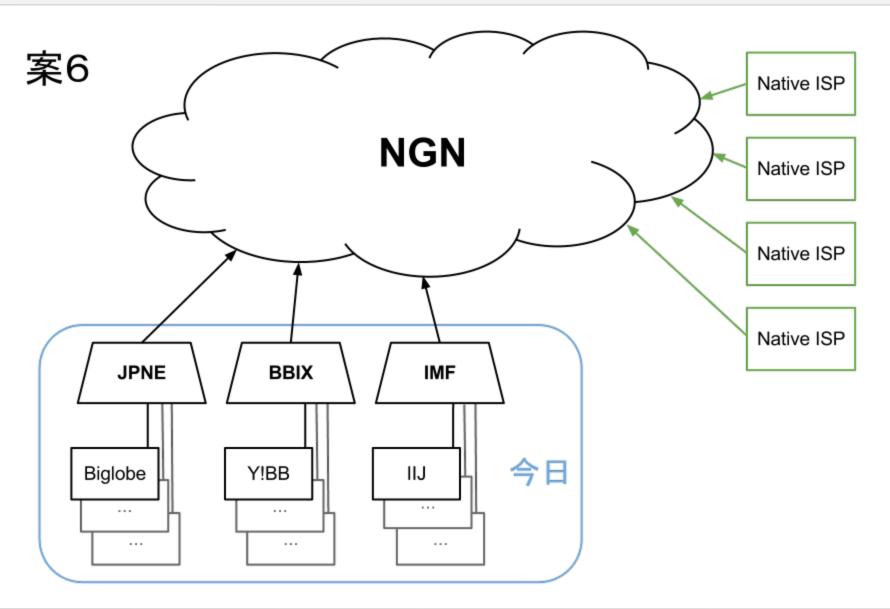
- The number of IPoE players is expected to increase:
  - IPv6によるインターネットの利用高度化に関する研究会第18回:
  - 「VNE事業者数拡大の目途は立った」
  - 「数十程度になるのではと見込んでいる」
- Increasing the number of POIs under discussion:
  - IPv6によるインターネットの利用高度化に関する研究会第21回:
  - 「尚、相互接続点(POI)[...] VNE事業者様と協議」
- This would address some of the issues:
  - Addresses #1 (broadens competitive landscape)
  - Addresses #2 (ISPs can use 案4 directly instead of through a VNE)
  - Partly addresses #3
- Some issues would still remain



## Cost issue not completely addressed

- 案4 not part of NGN basic service
  - Substantial increase in per-user cost over IPv4-only or 案2
- This could be an issue
  - Even though 案4 has lower cost, **cost to ISPs could be higher**
  - This could lead ISPs to prefer 案2
    - JAIPA already requested 案2 support in NTT home gateway
  - But long term, PPPoE provides slower speeds and could cost more
- How to make native IPoE more attractive to ISPs?







$$2 + 4 = 6$$

- Benefits of Option 2
  - Many ISPs
  - Multiple POIs
  - Part of NGN basic service
  - Allows bigger than /64 via DHCPv6 prefix delegation



- Benefits of Option 4
  - Save money, maintenance, and power by not tunneling
  - 1 Gbps speeds
  - Compatible with common OSes



- Combined into Option 6
  - Multiple native IPv6 ISPs
    - Some will resell to smaller, virtual ISPs who want roaming
  - Multiple POIs
  - o DHCPv6 prefix delegation even if user does not have 光電話
  - Lower long-term capital and operational costs



# A way forward?

- It may be possible to achieve consensus on 案6
  - Requires discussion between NTT東西, ISPs, VNEs, MIC...
- If consensus, 案6could be included in basic NGN service
  - Would resolve the cost issue
  - Would ensure low-cost, fast, high-quality, IPv6 access in long term
  - Would benefit users, ISPs, NTT, and the industry as a whole

