

**To:** Distribution

**From:** Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on February 6, 2008. The following people were in attendance:

**MEMBERS**

Carlton Gilbert	M-NCPPC	(301) 495-4577
Helen Mu	DTS	(240) 777-2804
Mary Pat Wilson	MCPS	(240) 314-4707
Marjorie Williams	OCCS	(240) 777-3762
Dave Niblock	DPS	(240) 777-6252

**STAFF**

Bob Hunnicutt	CTC	(301) 933-1488
Shivani Gandhi	CTC	(301) 933-1488

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Harold Bernadzikowski	NB&C	(410) 530-0937
Randy Lusk	Smartlink	
Michelle Blake	Sitelink/Cricket	(703) 862 9537

**Action Item – Meeting Minutes:** Carlton Gilbert moved the minutes be approved as written. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Consent Agenda Applications:**

1. T-Mobile application to attach nine 52" panel antennas (six at the 82' level and three at the 85' level) on the penthouse walls atop the 76' high Walker House apartment building located at 18700 Walkers Choice Road in Montgomery Village (Application #200711-05).
2. Verizon Wireless application to attach three 50" panel antennas at the 45' level (two within two proposed faux chimneys and one pole mounted on the building wall) of an existing Village Square Apartment building located at 11931-11933 Veirs Mill Road in Silver Spring (Application #200801-03).
3. Verizon Wireless application to attach 12 panel antennas (six 71" and six 47") at the 87' level of an existing 100' monopole on Wheaton High School property located at 12501 Dalewood Road in Silver Spring (Application #200801-04).

Mary Pat Wilson asked that Item #1 on the consent agenda be pulled for discussion.

**Motion:** Dave Niblock moved agenda items number 2 and 3 be recommended. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and the motion was approved with Mary Pat Wilson abstaining.

**Action Item – Consent Item #1:** T-Mobile application to attach nine 52" panel antennas (six at the 82' level and three at the 85' level) on the penthouse walls atop the 76' high Walker House apartment building located at 18700 Walkers Choice Road in Montgomery Village (Application #200711-05).

Mary Pat Wilson said she just wanted to confirm a few items: 1) that there were 9 antennas in three sectors to be mounted on the roof, 2) the location of the equipment, and 3) if the Montgomery Village Foundation had been advised of the proposed attachment. Mr. Hunnicutt affirmed that she was correct about the number and placement of the antennas and stated that the equipment would be placed on a steel platform to be constructed on the roof. T-Mobile representative Randy Lusk stated that the Montgomery Village Foundation had approved the attachment.

**Motion:** Mary Pat Wilson moved the application be recommended. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Discussion/Action Item: T-Mobile Application #200702-07/2100 Spencerville Road, Spencerville:**

Bob Hunnicutt explained that this application had been reviewed and recommended by the TFCG over a year ago. The applicant is ready to file for a Special Exception for this monopole but the Board of Appeals requires that an application for Special Exception have a TFCG recommendation that has been approved within the past 12 months. Therefore, the applicant has requested an updated recommendation and record of action for that application by the TFCG. Mr. Hunnicutt reported that he recently visited the location and did not see any changes since the time of the initial TFCG review, so he still recommended the application. He noted that Carlton Gilbert may have some additional information to add to the discussion, since he has been involved in the review by the M-NCPPC.

Mr. Gilbert stated he was processing this application for the Planning Commission and noted that one of the Commission planners had asked T-Mobile to submit revised design plans that reflect the Special Protection Area in the vicinity of the site but which was not shown on the original plans. He said that T-Mobile had submitted corrected drawings as requested and noted that the Spencerville Free Methodist Church had been added as a co-applicant for the Special Exception as required by the Zoning Ordinance. He added that action by the Planning Commission was scheduled for April 17th and the public hearing was scheduled for April 28th.

**Motion:** Dave Niblock moved the application be recommended. Helen Mu seconded the motion and it was approved with Mr. Gilbert abstaining.

**Discussion Item: Attachment status update - T-Mobile at the Storage USA monopole (#200606-07):**

Bob Hunnicutt stated he had been advised by T-Mobile about a change in their proposed attachment level on this monopole. He noted that the application recommended several years ago by the TFCG was to attach antennas at the 100' level, but now that T-Mobile is prepared to attach its antennas, that elevation has been used by subsequent applicants and is no longer available. He said T-Mobile now planned to attach antennas at the 80' level. As advised by Dave Niblock, Mr. Hunnicutt said he had notified the carrier representative that they did not have to file another application with the TFCG; however, they would need to provide to DPS revised drawings and a new permit application (to replace the original one issued which had expired), and provide a copy of the revised plans to the Tower Coordinator for the TFCG files. Mr. Niblock said he concurred with Mr. Hunnicutt's statement. Mr. Hunnicutt explained that in cases like this, his direction from the TFCG was to simply advise the group of the minor change.

**Discussion Item – New Service Providers:**

Marjorie Williams recognized Cricket representative Michelle Blake and asked that she prepare a presentation about her company for the next meeting. Ms. Blake stated that she may be filing approximately 60 co-location applications in the County in the near future on behalf of Cricket, a PCS service provider.

Mr. Hunnicutt added that he had been contacted by a representative from another company, TerreStar, who said they also planned to file a large number of applications in the County in the near future.

**The next meeting of the TFCG is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 2 p.m. in the second floor conference room #225 of the COB.**