



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on August 3, 2011. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		DTS
Dave Niblock	(via phone)	DPS
Joan Cole	(via phone)	DTS
Mary Pat Wilson	(via phone)	MCPS
Carlton Gilbert		M-NCPPC
Jennifer Bryant		OMB

STAFF

Bob Hunnicutt	CTC
Martin Liebman	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Tracy Anderson	for SBA/T-Mobile
Joseph Gallagher	for Carderock Communications 301 251 9200
Tim Conte	Carderock Communications TECONTE@netzero.net

Meeting Minutes: Marjorie Williams noted that the minutes from the July 13th meeting had already been approved.

Action Item – Consent Agenda Applications:

1. AT&T application to add antennas on a monopole on Crown Atlantic Company LLC property at 22210 Dickerson Road in Dickerson (Application #201109-01). *Minor Modification*
2. AT&T application to add antennas on a monopole on Rockville Chapter Izaak Walton League property at 18301 Waring Station Road in Germantown (Application #201109-02). *Minor Modification*

Motion: Dave Niblock moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

New Construction by Special Exception:

3. SBA/T-Mobile application to construct a new 100'-high monopole and attach antennas at the 98' level on Verizon Maryland Inc. property located at 7887 Bradley Boulevard in Bethesda (Application #201109-03). *Special Exception*

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application and the Tower Coordinator's findings and recommendation.

Mary Pat Wilson and Carlton Gilbert wanted to know the distance of the monopole from Seven Locks Road. Mr. Hunnicutt replied that the plans showed it to be 51' 8", noting that it did not meet setback as was noted in the condition on the recommendation. He added that the Board of Appeals could waive the setback requirements under certain conditions specified in the zoning ordinance.

Joe Gallagher explained that T-Mobile abandoned their site at the Carderock Communications monopole and wondered if T-Mobile's coverage from antennas on that monopole had an impact on the coverage from the proposed monopole at the Verizon property. Tracy Anderson replied that she did not think so. Mr. Hunnicutt stated that the Carderock monopole is approximately 1.6 miles south of the Verizon property. Martin Liebman added that based on the RF maps provided with the application, it did not appear signals from the Carderock site had any significant impact on the coverage area from the Verizon property site.

Carlton Gilbert asked if Verizon was a co-applicant on the special exception application. Ms. Anderson explained that Verizon would be and that they have an executed lease with Verizon.

Motion: Dave Niblock moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Mary Pat Wilson seconded the motion and the motion was approved with Carlton Gilbert abstaining.

Discussion Item: Marjorie Williams asked the members if they agreed with the idea to place electronic versions of future packets for the meeting on Box.net instead of continuing to mail hard copies to the members prior to the meetings. They all agreed that would be a good idea.

The next meeting of the TFCG is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7 at 2 p.m. in the second floor conference room #225 of the COB.