



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 June 6, 2012. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		DTS
Dave Niblock		DPS
Bernie Fitzgerald	(via phone	DGS
Joan Cole	(via phone)	DTS
Carlton Gilbert		M-NCPPC
Janice Turpin		MCPS
Naeem Mia		OMB

STAFF

Bob Hunnicutt	CTC
Marty Liebman	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Justin Severson	NB&C for Sprint
Michael Bortz	NB&C for T-Mobile

Discussion - Marjorie Williams welcomed the two new members to the TFCG, Janice Turpin and Naeem Mia.

Action Item - Meeting Minutes

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved the minutes be approved as written. Joan Cole seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item – Consent Agenda Applications:

T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas attached to five PEPCO transmission line towers. See attached list of property owners and addresses: (Application #201206-06). *Minor Modification*

T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas attached to 12 building rooftops. See attached list of property owners and addresses: (Application #201206-09). *Minor Modification*

T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas at the 170' level on a ~~190'-190'~~-high lattice tower on CNS Microwave property at 15030 Frederick Road in Rockville (Application #201206-11). *Minor Modification*

T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas atop two buildings. See attached list of property owners and addresses: (Application #201206-12). *Minor Modification*

T-Mobile application to replace six antennas with seven antennas~~___~~, six 56"-high panel antennas and one 15"-wide dish antenna~~___~~ at the 65' level atop a 53'-high building on Shady Grove Medical II LLC property at 9850 Key West Avenue in Rockville (Application #201206-14). *Minor Modification*

T-Mobile application to replace existing antennas atop three buildings: replace existing antennas with ~~;~~ six 65"-high panel antennas each at on both NIH Building #10 and Grosvenor House, and replace existing antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas at the Rebecca Building. See attached list of property owners and addresses: (Application #201206-16). *Minor Modification*

Sprint application to replace three panel antennas with four antennas~~___~~, three 56"-high panel antennas and one 2'-wide dish antennas~~___~~ at the 75' and 77' levels within ~~at~~ the steeple atop an approximately 45'-high church on Hughes United Methodist Church property at 10700 Georgia Avenue in Wheaton (Application #201206-17). *Minor Modification*

AT&T application to replace one antenna with one 72"-high panel antenna at the 102' level on a 129'-high lattice tower on American Tower Inc. property at 12419 Middlebrook Road in Germantown (Application #201206-18). *Minor Modification*

Discussion: Applicants noted that the antenna size shown on several of the items were incorrect. Bob Hunnicutt said he would note it and make corrections as appropriate.

Motion: Dave Niblock moved that the Consent Agenda be recommended. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Regular Agenda

Action Item - T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas on a 300'-high lattice tower on Montgomery College property at 20200 West Observation Drive in Germantown (Application #201205-08). *Minor Modification*

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application, noting that because 1) the same tower also supports County public safety radio antennas, and 2) because a structural analysis provided with the Cricket application for the same tower which also supports County public safety radio antennas showed that structural modifications were necessary to attach three antennas, the Tower

Coordinator's recommendation for this application is conditioned on submission of a structural analysis report at time of permitting which states that the tower can support the new heavier T-Mobile antennas.

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved that [the ~~Consent Agenda~~ application be recommended as conditioned](#). Janice Turpin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item - Cricket application to attach three 72"-high panel antenna at the 117' level on a 250'-high lattice tower on Montgomery College property at 20200 Observation Drive in Germantown (Application #201205-11). *Co-location*

Bob Hunnicutt noted that as explained for the T-Mobile application above, based on the structural analysis provided with this application, the recommendation is [c](#)Conditioned on completing the structural modifications per the structural analysis report dated May 2, 2012, prior to attaching the antennas.

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved that [the application be recommended as conditioned](#)~~Consent Agenda~~. Janice Turpin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item - T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas attached to six disguised support structures, and six antennas with six 56"-high panel antennas at one disguised monopole on WSSC property. See attached list of property owners and addresses: (Application #201206-07). *Minor Modification*

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved that [the application be recommended](#) ~~Consent Agenda~~. Naem Mia seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item - T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas on four monopoles. See attached list of property owners and addresses: (Application #201206-08). *Minor Modification*

Bob Hunnicutt explained that because one of the sites listed on this application is a MCPS site, the recommendation is conditioned on approval by the public schools.

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved that [the application be recommended as conditioned](#)~~Consent Agenda~~. Bernie Fitzgerald seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with Janice Turpin abstaining.

Action Item - T-Mobile application to replace six antennas with six 56"-high panel antennas attached to two WSSC water tanks. See attached list of property owners and addresses: (Application #201206-10). *Minor Modification*

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application, noting that the recommendation is conditioned on approval by WSSC.

Motion: Joan Cole moved that [the application be recommended as conditioned](#)~~Consent Agenda~~. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion: Revised T-Mobile applications – 201205-07, 201205-08, 201206-4

Bob Hunnicutt explained that he had been advised by Michael Bortz, applicant for the T-Mobile modification applications, that for a number of WSSC sites, instead of ~~just~~ replacing three antennas with three new ones, T-Mobile has decided to replace six antennas with ~~the~~ six new ones ~~instead of replacing them with just three antennas~~. Mr. Bortz added that this may be the case for other locations as well, and that he will advise the Tower Coordinator as changes occur.

The next meeting of the TFCG is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11 at 2 p.m. in the second floor conference room #225 of the COB.