



**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 May 3, 2012. The following people were in attendance:

**Note:** The TFCG meeting scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> was rescheduled to today because a quorum of members was not available to take action on the agenda items on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

MEMBERS

|                   |             |         |
|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| Marjorie Williams |             | DTS     |
| Dave Niblock      | (via phone) | DPS     |
| Bernie Fitzgerald | (via phone) | DGS     |
| Joan Cole         | (via phone) | DTS     |
| Carlton Gilbert   | (via phone) | M-NCPPC |

STAFF

|               |             |     |
|---------------|-------------|-----|
| Bob Hunnicutt | (via phone) | CTC |
| Marty Liebman | (via phone) | CTC |

OTHER ATTENDEES

|                 |             |                   |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Justin Severson | (via phone) | NB&C for Sprint   |
| Michael Bortz   | (via phone) | NB&C for T-Mobile |
| Phil Stetler    | (via phone) | Sitelink for AT&T |

**Action Item - Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Bernie Fitzgerald moved the minutes be approved as written. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Action Item – Consent Agenda Applications:**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Cricket application to attach three 72"-high panel antennas at the 88' level inside a church steeple atop an approximately 45'-high church on Hughes United Methodist Church property at 10700 Georgia Avenue in Wheaton (Application #201205-01). *Co-location*

2. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas atop 15 buildings. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (Application #201205-04). *Minor Modification*
3. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas on nine PEPCO transmission line towers or wooden poles. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (Application #201205-09). *Minor Modification*
4. Sprint application to replace three antennas with three 72"-high panel antennas at the 125' level on a 150'-high monopole on Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. property at 11430 Falls Road in Potomac (Application #201205-12). *Minor Modification*
5. 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 #201206-01). *Minor Modification*
6. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas on four PEPCO structures, two wooden poles, and two transmission line towers. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (Application #201206-02). *Minor Modification*
7. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas on one bell tower, one monopole disguised as a flag pole, and one silo. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (Application #201206-03). *Minor Modification*
8. Verizon Wireless application to relocate 12 panel antennas from their existing position at the 92' level to the 125' level on a 144'-high monopole on Ben Porto & Son, Ltd property at 8200 Seven Locks Road in Bethesda (Application #201206-05). *Minor Modification*

**Discussion:** Bob Hunnicutt noted that he asked that item #3 be moved from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda because there are conditions for the applicant to provide written consent from WSSC to permit the modifications at time of permitting.

**Motion:** Dave Niblock moved that Consent Agenda items 1, 2, and 4 through 9 be recommended. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **Regular Agenda**

9. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas on six WSSC water tanks. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (Application #201205-07). *Minor Modification*  
*See attached for conditions.*
10. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas on 15 monopoles. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (Application #201205-02). *Minor Modification*  
*See attached for conditions.*

11. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas atop 15 buildings. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (Application #201205-03).  
*Minor Modification*  
*See attached for conditions.*
12. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas atop six buildings. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (Application #201205-05).  
*Minor Modification*  
*See attached for conditions.*
13. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas on 10 monopoles. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (Application #201205-06).  
*Minor Modification*  
*See attached for conditions.*
14. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas on eight lattice towers. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (Application #201205-08). *Minor Modification*  
*See attached for conditions.*
15. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas on two monopoles, one disguised as a flag pole and one disguised as a light pole, and on one chimney. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (Application #201205-10).  
*Minor Modification*  
*See attached for conditions.*
16. Sprint application to replace three antennas with three 72"-high panel antennas at the 112' level on a 119'-high water tank on WSSC property at 1945 Seminary Place in Silver Spring (Application #201205-13). *Minor Modification*  
*Conditioned on applicant providing written documentation from WSSC at time of permitting that WSSC has approved these modifications.*
17. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 56"-high panel antennas on one bell tower and five buildings. See attached list of property owners and addresses. (Application #201206-04). *Minor Modification*  
*See attached for conditions.*

**Motion:** Carlton Gilbert moved the Regular Agenda be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Bernie Fitzgerald seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Discussion:**

- **TFCG # 201211-06 design change.**

Bob Hunnicutt advised the group that he had been contacted by the applicant for application #201211-06, which was reviewed by the TFCG at the December 2011 meeting; the applicant advised him that AT&T had revised the design for a generator to be placed at an existing site. AT&T has replaced the "sound barrier walls" originally planned to be constructed on both sides

of the generator with a design that places the generator inside a shelter to better reduce noise to meet the County's Noise Ordinance as recommended by the TFCG. Mr. Hunnicutt added that the Tower Coordinator has no problems with the change and that AT&T has not yet filed for the permit; as has been the case with past practices of the TFCG, he is simply advising the TFCG of the change and no other action is needed on this application unless there are any objections from any of the members. Bernie Fitzgerald and Carlton Gilbert asked if there were any properties with special exceptions for the support structures. Bob Hunnicutt explained that unless there were changes to the structure, size of the approved equipment area, or a change in the name of the property owner, which as far as he understood there are not, there is no need for any modifications to any special exceptions. Dave Niblock agreed. There were no objections to the design change.

- **Meeting Membership**

Marjorie Williams noted that by the next meeting date, the vacancies on the TFCG would be filled with new members from OMB and MCPS which should help avoid another meeting when there are not enough members present to make a quorum. She expressed appreciation for everyone's cooperation in rescheduling yesterday's meeting.

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