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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 5, 2013. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS
Marjorie Williams          DTS
Dave Niblock               DPS
Bernie Fitzgerald          DGS
Samantha Harris            MCPS
Joan Cole (via phone)      DTS

STAFF
Bob Hunnicutt              CTC
Martin Liebman             CTC
Helen Veske                CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES
Randall Lusk               Smartlink LLC

Action Item: Meeting Minutes

Motion: Joan Cole moved the minutes be approved. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Consent Agenda
1. Verizon Wireless application to replace 12 antennas with 12 panel antennas, six 48"-high, four 72"-high, and two 96"-high, at the 100' level atop an 80'-high office building on 6900 Wisconsin Ave LLC property located at 6900 Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda (201306-05). Minor Modification

2. Verizon Wireless application to replace 12 antennas with nine panel antennas, three 71"-high and six 49"-high, at the 122' level on a 130'-high lattice tower on American Towers Inc. property located at 12419 Middlebrook Road in Germantown (201306-06). Minor Modification
3. Verizon Wireless application to replace six antennas with six panel antennas, three 71"-high and three 49"-high, on a 275'-high lattice tower on Carver Wheaton Real Property, L.C. property located at 2647 University Boulevard in Wheaton (201306-07). **Minor Modification**

**Motion**: Bernie Fitzgerald moved the Consent Agenda items be recommended. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Regular Agenda**

**Action Item**: Verizon Wireless application to attach 12 panel antennas, six 96"-high and six 69"-high, at the 112’ level atop a 105'-high apartment building on Management Group Associates property located at 8830 Piney Branch Road in Silver Spring (201304-07). **Co-location. Conditioned on the generator operating in compliance with the County’s Noise Ordinance.**

Mr. Hunnicutt explained that the next three items on the agenda are applications involving installation of power generators. Consequently, the Tower Coordinator’s recommendation for these applications is conditioned on the generator operating in compliance with the County’s Noise Ordinance.

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

**Action Item**: AT&T application to attach 13 antennas, twelve 96"-high panel antennas and one 2'-wide dish antenna, at the 160' and 151' levels atop a 145'-high apartment building on Silver Spring Tower Apts LLC property located at 816 Easley Street in Silver Spring (201306-01). **Co-location. Conditioned on the generator operating in compliance with the County’s Noise Ordinance.**

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

**Action Item**: AT&T application to attach thirteen antennas, twelve 96"-high panel antennas and one 2'-wide dish at the 44' level atop a 37'-high office building on Montgomery County Teachers Federal Credit Union property located at 15901 Frederick Road in Rockville (201306-02). **Co-location. Conditioned on the generator operating in compliance with the County's Noise Ordinance.**

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

**Action Item**: Verizon Wireless application to replace six antennas with six panel antennas, three 71"-high and three 49"-high, at the 125' level on a 215'-high water tank on WSSC property located at 2201 Industrial Parkway in Silver Spring (201306-08). **Minor Modification. Conditioned on submission of written approval from WSSC at time of permitting to replace and attach these antennas**.
Mr. Hunnicutt explained that because WSSC had not yet approved the work proposed by Verizon Wireless on their property, the Tower Coordinator’s recommendation is conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from WSSC at the time of permitting to make these modifications.

**Motion:** Bernie Fitzgerald moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Samantha Harris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Action Item:** LightSquared application to attach three 52"-high panel antennas at the 740' level on a 745'-high lattice tower on Crown Castle property located at 5202 River Road in Bethesda (201307-01). Co-location. Conditioned on the applicant notifying the Board of Appeals of the change in both the ownership of the property and the holder of the Special Exception S-2093.

Mr. Hunnicutt explained that LightSquared has an approval from the FCC to use Crown Castle’s frequencies, but that it is an FCC requirement that LightSquared activate at least one site before a July, 2013 deadline or it will lose the frequencies. Mr. Hunnicutt explained that Crown Castle recently purchased the property, and that the Tower Coordinator’s recommendation for this application was conditioned on the applicant notifying the Board of Appeals of the change in ownership of the property and holder of the Special Exception S-2093.

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

**Discussion Item: July Meeting Date**
Marjorie Williams noted that the July meeting has been scheduled the week of July 4th when many participants may not be available due to holiday vacations. She asked the Tower Coordinator to reschedule the meeting from July 3rd to July 10th. Mr. Hunnicutt said he would do that and send out a revised schedule to the TFCG distribution list.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TFCG will be held on July 10 in Room #225 of the COB.