MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

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From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on February 05, 2014. The following people were in attendance:

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

STAFF
Bob Hunnicutt    (via phone)   CTC
Nancy Rodriguez    (via phone)   CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES
Randall Lusk    Smart Link LLC for AT&T

Action Item – Meeting Minutes

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

Action Item: Consent Agenda

1. AT&T application to attach twelve panel antennas at the 107' level on a 140'-high monopole on Shurgard Maryland Properties located at 3351 Briggs Chaney Road in Germantown (201401-03). Co-location.

2. AT&T application to attach twelve panel antennas at the 120' level on a 10'-high extension atop a 110' high monopole on ESS PRISA II LLC property located at 19500 Frederick Road in Germantown (201402-04). Co-location.
3. AT&T application to install an emergency power generator on the rooftop at multiple sites with multiple property owners (201402-05). Minor Modification.

4. AT&T application to install an emergency power generator on the rooftop at multiple sites with multiple property owners (201403-01). Minor Modification.

Motion: Naeem Mia moved the Consent Agenda items be recommended. Bernie Fitzgerald seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion Item: Carlton Gilbert asked Dave Niblock whether DPS reviews applications to determine if generators meet the County’s Noise Ordinance. Mr. Niblock responded that DPS does review those aspects of permit applications and stamps the permit that it is a requirement to meet the noise limits set by the County’s Ordinance.

Bob Hunnicutt noted that at the last meeting, because DPS checks for noise limit compliance, it was decided that the Tower Coordinator no longer would need to condition recommendations for applications to add generators on their meeting the County’s established noise limits.

Regular Agenda

Action Item: Verizon application to attach twelve panel antennas at the 120' level on a 150'-high monopole on Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) property located at 300 Olney Sandy Spring Road in Sandy Spring (201401-02). Co-location. Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval at the time of permitting that MCPS has approved the attachment of the antennas and use of additional ground space as proposed.

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application, noting that with past applications for this site, the MCPS representative to the TFCG had advised him that there was no more ground space available and that there had been some issues with the structural capacity of the monopole to support additional antennas. Nancy Rodriguez added that Samantha Harris, the current MCPS representative, has reported that for this application the school engineer has approved the structural modifications for the monopole.

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

Action Item: AT&T application to install an emergency power generator at the base of the monopole at multiple sites with multiple property owners (201402-07). Minor Modification. Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval at the time of permitting that MCPS has approved the addition of the generator.

Nancy Rodriquez summarized the application, noting that Ms. Harris has advised her that the carrier has submitted plans for the proposed site modifications but has not yet approved the work to be done.
Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TFCG will be held on March 5th in Room #225 of the COB.