



## DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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### MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC)

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on July 6, 2016. The following people were in attendance:

#### MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		DTS
Thomas Williamson		DGS
Dave Niblock		DPS
Dennis Hetman	(via phone)	OMB
Peter Geiling	(via phone)	MCPS
Gregory Russ	(via phone)	M-NCPPC

#### STAFF

Nancy Rodriguez		CTC
Bob Hunnicutt	(via phone)	CTC

#### OTHER ATTENDEES

Shari Saslaw	(via phone)	SCE, LLC for Verizon Wireless
Butch Salamone	(via phone)	NB&C for Crown Castle

#### **Action Item: Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Dave Niblock moved that the June minutes be approved as written. Marjorie Williams seconded the motion and it was approved with Thomas Williamson, Peter Geiling, and Gregory Russ abstaining.

**Action Item: Consent Agenda**

1. Verizon Wireless application to replace nine antennas with nine 72"-high panel antennas at the 98' and 100' levels and add three remote radio heads atop an 80'-high office building on 6900 Wisconsin LLC property located at 6900 Wisconsin Avenue in Chevy Chase (201605-03). *Minor Modification.*
2. Verizon Wireless application to replace nine antennas with nine panel antennas, three 72"-high and six 51"-high, at the 141' level on a 146'-high PEPCO transmission line tower on PEPCO property located at 11200 Deborah Drive in Bethesda (201607-01). *Minor Modification.*
3. Verizon Wireless application to replace six antennas with six panel antennas, three 75"-high and three 51"-high, at the 121' level on a 121'-high PEPCO transmission line tower on PEPCO property located at 13900 Piney Meeting House Road (201607-02). *Minor Modification.*
4. T-Mobile application to add three 57"-high panel antennas at the 187' level on a 195'-high monopole on Gates of Heaven Cemetery property located at 13801 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring (201607-04). *Minor Modification.*
5. AT&T application to replace three antennas with three 96"-high panel antennas at the 180' level on a 180'-high lattice tower on Boy Scouts of America Troop 52 property located at 16100 Darnestown Road in Dawsonville (201607-06). *Minor Modification.*
6. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 57"-high panel antennas at the 155' level atop a 142'-high office building on Apex Site Management property located at 7101 Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda (201607-07). *Minor Modification.*
7. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 57"-high panel antennas at the 155' and 164' levels atop a 145'-high residential building on Parkside Plaza Condominium property located at 9039 Sligo Creek Parkway in Silver Spring (201607-08). *Minor Modification.*
8. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 57"-high panel antennas at the 166' level atop a 160'-high office building on Friendship Properties Ltd. property located at 5530 Wisconsin Avenue in Chevy Chase (201607-09). *Minor Modification.*
9. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 57"-high panel antennas at the 65' level atop a 52'-high office building on Gunners Lake Thirteen LP property located at 12800 Middlebrook Road in Germantown (201607-10). *Minor Modification.*
10. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 57"-high panel antennas at the 49' level atop a 42'-high building on SUSA Partnership property located at 7722 Fenton Street in Silver Spring (201607-11). *Minor Modification.*

11. T-Mobile application to replace three antennas with three 57"-high panel antennas at the 77' level atop a 68'-high office building on Columbia Pike LLC property located at 10750 Columbia Pike in Silver Spring (201607-12). *Minor Modification.*
12. T-Mobile application to relocate three antennas from the 75' level to the 70' level and add three 57"-high panel antennas at the 75' level on an existing 75'-high chimney on Woodside Manor LP property located at 2114 Dexter Avenue in Silver Spring (201607-13). *Minor Modification.*
13. T-Mobile application to add three 93"-high panel antennas and three remote radio heads at the 55' level atop a 46'-high storage building on Rockville Land LLLP property located at 12311 Parklawn Drive in Rockville (201607-14). *Minor Modification.*

**Motion:** Gregory Russ moved that all items on the Consent Agenda be recommended. Peter Geiling seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **Regular Agenda**

14. Crown Castle for T-Mobile application to install additional equipment inside an existing equipment cabinet at the 10' level on a 48'-high wooden pole on Montgomery County Government property located at 14075 Travilah Road in Potomac (201604-04). *Co-location. Conditioned on construction of the new pole and equipment cabinet described in application 201604-05 (see agenda item #15).*
15. Crown Castle for Verizon Wireless application to install a 43'-high wooden pole and attach three 24"-high panel antennas at the 42' level on Montgomery County Government property located at 14075 Travilah Road in Potomac (201604-05). *New. Conditioned on approval from the Hearing Examiner for a Conditional Use of this property and the proposed facilities meeting the appropriate zoning requirements.*

Bob Hunnicutt explained that agenda items #14 and #15 were tabled at the June meeting because the applicant questioned whether the condition on item #15 was relevant to the application, given that PEPCO would be installing the new pole. He summarized the applications noting that Crown Castle proposes to install a new pole between two existing PEPCO poles because PEPCO would not permit either of the existing poles to be used to support the antennas. Once installed, PEPCO will install the distribution lines; however, PEPCO does not need the new pole. Because this is not a case of an existing PEPCO pole being replaced to accommodate antennas, the application will be considered a new telecommunications facility. Ms. Williams added that there are two applications because Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile are collocating on the pole. Mr. Hunnicutt stated that he and Ms. Williams were advised by a County attorney that, because the pole is being installed solely as a telecommunications facility, it is considered a new tower which requires approval as a Conditional Use; the fact that PEPCO will attach its lines once the pole is installed is secondary.

**Motion:** Dave Niblock moved that the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Peter Geiling seconded the motion and it was approved with Gregory Russ abstaining.

16. Verizon Wireless application to attach ten 72"-high panel antennas at the 118' and 125' levels atop a 112'-high apartment building on Tower Apartment EHDRT LLC ET AL property located at 8811 Colesville Road in Silver Spring (201607-05). *Co-location.*

Nancy Rodriguez summarized the application noting that Verizon Wireless indicated the antennas are intended to add capacity to the surrounding area. Equipment will be mounted to a 13' x 17' equipment platform to be installed on the roof and covered by a canopy. The building is located in the Employment zone and is surrounded by residential neighborhoods and commercial properties.

Thomas Williamson asked if there were any other carriers located on this building. Ms. Rodriguez stated that are no other antennas attached to this building but that there is room for these antennas and future carriers' antennas and equipment.

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TFCG will be held on August 3, 2016 in Room #225 of the COB.