



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

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MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: TFCG Staff (CTC Technology & Energy)

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on January 5, 2022. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Participation Method, and Role. Includes Marjorie Williams (TFCG Chair), Boyd Lawrence (MCPS), Thomas Williamson (DGS), Wayne Anderson (WSSC), Michelle Grace (M-NCPPC), Benjamin Berbert (M-NCPPC), and Patricia Wolford (DPS).

STAFF

Table with 3 columns: Name, Participation Method, and Role. Includes Shawn Thompson (CTC), Julie Elias (CTC), Heather Elliot (DTS), and Lisa Lewis (DTS).

OTHER ATTENDEES

Table with 3 columns: Name, Participation Method, and Role. Includes Javad Shayan (DPS).

Action Item: Meeting Minutes January 5th:

Motion: Michelle Grace moved that the December minutes be approved as written. Boyd Lawrence seconded the motion. Wayne Anderson abstained as he was not at the meeting. The motion was otherwise unanimously approved.

Action Item: Consent Agenda



## Consent Agenda

1. **Application Number:** 2021071516 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 7/20/2021

**Revised:** 11/15/2021

**Revised:** 12/14/2021

**Applicant:** NB+C on behalf of T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Baptist Home/ 6301 Greentree Rd, Bethesda

**Zoning Standard:** R-60 **Property Owner:** Baptist Home for Children

**Description:** T-Mobile proposes to replace (3) antennas, replace (3) RRHs, remove (3) TMAs, replace (1) cabinet at the existing telecommunications facility.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2021071516+Application.pdf>

2. **Application Number:** 2021111596 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 11/3/2021

**Revised:** 12/23/2021

**Applicant:** NB+C on behalf of Verizon Wireless

**Site Name/Location:** ShopHouse Kitchen/ 4824 Bethesda Ave, Bethesda

**Zoning Standard:** CRT-2.25 R-2.25 H-70 **Property Owner:** Street Retail Inc

**Description:** This project consists of the installation of (1) new antenna. Additionally, (1) existing remote radio head will be removed and (1) new remote radio head will be installed.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2021111596+Application.pdf>

3. **Application Number:** 2021111599 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 11/3/2021

**Revised:** 12/27/2021

**Applicant:** NB+C on behalf of Verizon Wireless

**Site Name/Location:** Rockville 12/ 6015 Montrose Road, Rockville

**Zoning Standard:** CRT-3.0 C-3.0 R-2.5 H-120 **Property Owner:** Verizon Maryland Merge Co

**Description:** Project consists of removing (1) existing antenna and (1) existing remote radio head and installing (1) new proposed antenna as well as (1) new proposed remote radio head

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2021111599+Application.pdf>

4. **Application Number:** 2021111622 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 11/15/2021

**Revised:** 11/24/2021

**Applicant:** Smartlink Group on behalf of T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Hughes Methodist Church/ 10700 Georgia Ave, Wheaton

**Zoning Standard:** R-60 **Property Owner:** Hughes United Methodist Church

**Description:** T-Mobile will remove (3) existing Clearwire/Sprint antennas and replace with (3) new T-Mobile antennas; T-Mobile will remove (15) existing Clearwire/Sprint remote radio heads and replace with (6) new T-Mobile remote radio heads; T-Mobile will remove (2) existing microwave antennas - all on antenna support pipes inside steeple. T-Mobile will remove (2) existing Clearwire/Sprint equipment cabinets and replace with (2) new T-Mobile equipment cabinets on existing equipment support frame at steeple base level. T-Mobile will install (1) new breaker for new cabinet.

The Frequency bands listed are licensed by Sprint or Clearwire originally, but following the mergers, are now under the T-Mobile umbrella.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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5. **Application Number:** 2021111623 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 11/16/2021

**Revised:** 12/4/2021

**Applicant:** Advantage Engineers on behalf of T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Pepco 651-N/ 8910 Falls Farm Dr, Potomac

**Zoning Standard:** R-200 **Property Owner:** Pepco

**Description:** Remove (6) & add (6) antennas (3 APXVAALL24 43-U-NA20 & 3 AIR6449 B41), remove (3) & add (6) RRUs (3 4480 B71+B85 & 3 4460 B25+B66), remove (1) & add (1) 6160 equipment cabinet and (1) B160 battery cabinet, and other associated equipment. Remove (6) existing TMAs.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2021111623+Application.pdf>

6. **Application Number:** 2021121636 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 12/10/2021

**Revised:** 12/21/2021

**Applicant:** Smartlink Group on behalf of T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** WWDC Radio Tower/ 8744 Brookeville Rd, Silver Spring

**Zoning Standard:** IM-2.5 H-50 **Property Owner:** Chancellor Media Corp.

**Description:** Install (1) 50kw diesel generator on new 5'-0" x 10'-0" concrete pad at existing telecom site.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2021121636+Application.pdf>

7. **Application Number:** 2021121638 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 12/14/2021

**Revised:** 12/27/2021

**Revised:** 12/28/2021

**Applicant:** Site Link Wireless LLC on behalf of T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Old Burtonsville VFD/ 15430 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville

**Zoning Standard:** CRT-1.5 **Property Owner:** Burtonsville VFD

**Description:** T-Mobile is removing (6) antennas and (3) TMAs. They are adding (6) antennas and (6) RRHs on the existing monopole structure. T-Mobile is removing (1) cabinet and installing (2) new cabinets on the ground.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2021121638+Application.pdf>

8. **Application Number:** 2021121640 **Type:** Minor Modification **Received (date):** 12/17/2021  
**Revised:** 12/22/2021

**Applicant:** Smartlink Group on behalf of T-Mobile

**Site Name/Location:** Derwood Monopole/ 15948 Derwood Rd, Derwood

**Zoning Standard:** IM-2.5 H-50 **Property Owner:** CSX Corporation, Inc

**Description:** Install (1) 48kw diesel generator w/240gal above ground tank on an existing modified concrete pad at an existing telecommunications site.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2021121640+Application.pdf>

Michelle Grace made a motion to recommend all applications on the consent agenda. Patricia Wolford seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend was unanimously approved.

### **Regular Agenda**

1. **Application Number:** 2021071518 **Type:** Colocation **Received (date):** 7/29/2021  
**Revised:** 9/30/2021  
**Revised:** 10/8/2021

**Applicant:** Jacobs Telecommunications on behalf of AT&T Wireless

**Full Corporate Name of the Facility Owner:** New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

**Site Name/Location:** Pepco 745460-0763/ 14945 Shady Grove Rd, Rockville

**Zoning Standard:** Non-MNCPPC Zoning **Property Owner:** Montgomery County

**Description:** Installation of an AT&T Small Wireless Facility to include one Galtronics GQ2418-B6941 Omni Antenna (antenna volume of 2.8 cubic feet) and side mounted Charles Industries Radio Cabinet SH60-482420GNN8 with Squirrel Guard 96-SH60SURLGRDA (cabinet volume of 12.3 cubic feet) housing 2 radios on a replaced PEPCO wood utility pole. All antenna and equipment will be brown to match pole.

**Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2021071518+Application+and+Report.pdf>

Julie Elias summarized the application. Javad Shayan noted that there may be confusion between the application on behalf of AT&T as the franchise name versus the full agreement name of Cingular Wireless. He noted that as long as both were noted, DPS would have no issues.

Boyd Lawrence made a motion to recommend the application. Benjamin Berbert seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend was unanimously approved.

2. ***Application Number:*** 2021101566 ***Type:*** Colocation ***Received (date):*** 10/6/2021  
***Revised:*** 12/22/2021

***Applicant:*** Crown Castle Fiber LLC on behalf of T-Mobile

***Site Name/Location:*** PEPCO 790425-010700/ 8917 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring

***Zoning Standard:*** R-60 ***Property Owner:*** SHA

***Description:*** Proposed installation of strand node MNG-510 on existing PEPCO pole 790425-010700. Strand Node Equipment to be installed:

-Strand Cable

-Ericsson 6523 semi-integrated panel antenna (1)

-Ericsson Diplex Filter B2+B66/B30 (4-2) Diplexer (2)

-Ericsson 4402 Radio (2)

-Bracket Mount

-Splice Box

-Converter unit (Alpha Model #LPR48-IP68)

-Disconnect Switch (Alpha Model EP0/D-2-PR)

***Tower Coordinator Recommendation:*** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

<https://montgomerycountytfcg.s3.amazonaws.com/Applications/MC2021101566+Application+and+Report.pdf>

Julie Elias summarized the application. Javad Shayan clarified that though the property owner is listed as State Highway Administration, and this pole is located in the state right-of-way, it is still reviewed by Montgomery County.

Michelle Grace made a motion to recommend the application. Thomas Williamson seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next TFCG meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2022, at 2 p.m.