



RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



May 5, 2022

Ryan Dear
Vice President of Operations
Telecom Capital Group
6150 Sheridan Point Rd.
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Re: 22900 Old Hundred Road (rustic) Communications Tower

Dear Mr. Dear:

We reviewed maps, diagrams, signal coverage, and photo simulations as provided by Telecom Capital Group showing the proposed tower installation as it might appear from several Rustic Roads locations. The Committee determined to move forward with the approval process to facilitate improved communication coverage in the area even though some photos showed views that were inconsistent with the rustic nature of the roads. However, the Committee does request some additional provisions to the plan.

The Committee would like added natural screening of the 60' X 60' fencing around the base of the Monopole. It is requested the screening be plantings of species of arborvitae or (American) holly that will grow to substantially block the view of the fence and lower section of the Monopole on sides visible from Old Hundred Road. We would like to see such a plan for review.

Also, considering when and if a full array of the communication equipment is installed at the top of the Monopole, the impact will be significant in several views from Rustic Roads. The Committee therefore requests that a color be selected that will minimize the visual intrusion of the Monopole and broadcast equipment. Committee members considered a brown color as has been used on other communications equipment locally. The Committee would like to see such a rendered product for review, and would appreciate receiving the advice of experts with knowledge of minimizing visual impacts by use of color.

If there is a reforestation plan, we would appreciate your sharing that with the Committee.

We look forward to providing prompt review of this new information prior to your deadline with the Hearing Examiner. Thank you for working with us and for considering our requests. We may be reached through our Staff Coordinator Darcy Buckley, at Darcy.Buckley@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

Exhibit 12
OZAH Case No: CU 24-17



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