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From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on August 6, 2008. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Carlton Gilbert	M-NCPPC	(301) 495-4577
Helen Mu	DTS	(240) 777-2804
Marjorie Williams	OCCS	(240) 777-3762
Dave Niblock	DPS	(240) 777-6252
Steve Batterden	DPWT	(240) 777-6063
Kim Mayo	OMB	

STAFF

Bob Hunnicutt	CTC	(301) 933-1488
Shivani Gandhi	CTC	(301) 933-1488

OTHER ATTENDEES

Ed Donohue	Donohue & Blue	
Charles Ryan	Cricket	(301) 526-7342
Amy Bird	T-Mobile	
Jim Michal	Jackson & Campbell	
Hillorie Morrison	Sprint	
Charles Salamone	NB&C	
Randell G. Holmes	AT&T	
Paul Whitley	NB&C	
Gordon Hubley	WEL for AT&T	(410) 757-5844
Hemanth Raparthy	AT&T	(410)878-6001

Action Item – Meeting Minutes: Dave Niblock moved the minutes be approved as written. Steve Batterden seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Discussion Item - New member: Marjorie Williams introduced Kim Mayo who will replace Jennifer Bryant as TFCG representative for the Office of Management and Budget.

Action Item - Consent Agenda Applications:

- Sprint-Nextel application to replace three panel antennas with six panel antennas (three 48" and three 60") at the 75' level, and one 15" dish antenna at the 72' level inside a steeple atop the Hughes Methodist Church located at 10700 Georgia Avenue in Wheaton (Application #200806-11).
- Cricket Communications application to attach three 72" antennas at the 180' level of a 224' lattice tower on the Izaak Walton League property located at 18301 Waring Station Road in Germantown (Application #200806-16).
- Cricket Communications application to attach three 72" antennas at the 150' level of a 190' monopole at the Gate of Heaven property located at 13801 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring (Application #200806-18).
- Sprint-Nextel application to replace three panel antennas with six panel antennas (three 60" and three 48") at the 63' level of an existing 65' PEPCO transmission line tower #736473-0926 located at 836 Quince Orchard Road in Gaithersburg (Application #200806-19).

- Sprint-Nextel application to add three 48" panel antennas to the existing three panel antennas and microwave dish antenna at the 70' level atop an existing PEPCO transmission line tower located at MacArthur Boulevard & I-495 in Cabin John (Application #200806-20).
- Cricket application to attach three 72" panel antennas at the 128' level of an existing 188' monopole on the McDonnell property located at 20315 Georgia Avenue in Brookeville (Application #200808-03).
- AT&T application to attach six 64" panel antennas at the 75' level atop the 58' Postal Training Facility building located at 10130 Democracy Boulevard in Potomac (Application #200808-04).
- Cricket application to attach three 72" panel antennas at the 140' level of an existing 215' lattice tower on the Suburban Propane property located at 35 Derwood Circle in Rockville (Application #200808-07).
- T-Mobile application to attach nine 59" panel antennas on the penthouse walls at the 62' level of the 54' Shady Grove Medical Center building located at 99850 Key West Avenue in Rockville (Application #200808-09).

Discussion: Dave Niblock noted that the address for Item #9 on the Consent Agenda was incorrect and should have been 9850 Key West Avenue instead of 99850. Mr. Hunnicutt apologized for the error, noted that the address on the Recommendation Form was correct, and stated he would change make the correction for the Notice of Action.

Motion: Helen Mu moved the Consent Agenda items be recommended. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with the address correction.

Action Item: AT&T application to attach up to nine 55" panel antennas at the 147' level on a proposed 30' extension to a 120' monopole on the Hungerford property located at 14615 Clopper Road in Germantown (Application #200806-08).

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application noting that the initial application for this monopole had been recommended at a height of 150' and on a different location on the property. He said given the present location of the monopole, if it were to be taller it would not meet setback requirements. Consequently, the Tower Coordinator's recommendation was conditioned on approval of a waiver, variance, or Special Exception, whichever is deemed appropriate by the Board of Appeals.

Motion: Kin Mayo moved the application be recommended conditioned on the Board of Appeals granting a Special Exception for the extension to the monopole. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: AT&T application to construct a new 155' monopole on the Bretton Woods Golf Course property located at 15700 River Road in Germantown (Application #200806-22).

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application noting that Next G has installed for Sprint a DAS system that is routed along Seneca and River Roads adjacent to the property proposed by AT&T. He said he had asked AT&T why they could not use that DAS system and noted AT&T had replied that since that system was built for another carrier they could not use it. He said he had noted that based on the NextG application filed for Sprint, other carriers could use the fiber optic cables to attach other antennas to other utility poles, but AT&T declined to pursue use of that DAS network.

Mr. Hunnicutt noted that, based on his site visit, there were few locations where the monopole may be seen because of the terrain and many tall trees in the area surrounding the property. He noted that the residents across the street from the property would have the most visible view of the monopole.

Motion: Steve Batterden moved the application be recommended conditioned on the applicant being granted a Special Exception for the monopole by the Board of Appeals. Kim Mayo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion Item - Minor changes to previously recommended applications: Bob Hunnicutt noted that

the applicants for several applications previously approved by the TFCG had advised him that the carrier had made some minor changes regarding the proposed antenna attachments. These changes are as follows:

- Verizon #2007114-01 – 20000 block of Goshen Road: Antennas will be placed at the 144' level instead of the 136' level of a PEPCO transmission line tower.
- Verizon #200804-9 – 14000 Castle Blvd, Silver Spring: The antennas will be sled mounted at the 112' level atop the apartment building instead of attached to the penthouse walls as first designed.

Discussion Item - Special Exception Fees: Marjorie Williams noted that she had been contacted by Permitting Services staff regarding collection of overdue Special Exception fees for a number of tower owners who were delinquent in paying those fees. Ms. Williams advised the group that she understands that if the fees were not paid soon, the Special Exceptions may be revoked and the owners would have to file for a new Special Exception. She suggested that the representatives alert tower owners to this problem to preclude a revocation of any Special Exception.

The next meeting of the TFCG is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 2 p.m. in the second floor conference room #225 of the COB.