



**DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

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**MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING**  
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**To:** Distribution

**From:** Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on October 6, 2010. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Mitsuko Herrera		DTS
David Niblock	(via phone)	DPS
Carlton Gilbert		M-NCPPC
Joan Nwelih-Cull		DTS
Mary Pat Wilson		MCPS
Martin Rookard		WSSC

STAFF

Bob Hunnicutt	CTC
Marty Liebman	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Will Stone	ACO Property/Advisory
Hillorie Morrison	NB&C for T-Mobile
Butch Salamone	NB&C for AT&T
Ryan Ray	NB&C
Alecia Vogel	NB&C for Clearwire
Nathan Campbell	Smartlink for T-Mobile
Andrew Martin	SCE for Verizon Wireless

**Action Item – Meeting Minutes:** Bob Hunnicutt noted that before the meeting Sean Hughes has provided some suggestions for the minutes and though he has not reviewed them they appeared to be editorial in nature. Carlton Gilbert moved the minutes be approved as written. Mitsiko Herrera asked what would happen if action on the minutes were postponed until Mr. Hunnicutt had a chance to review his comments. Mr. Hunnicutt replied that they could be acted on at the next meeting. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Consent Agenda Applications:**

1. Clearwire application to attach a microwave dish at the 73' level of an existing 70' building on Phillips Office Building property, 9420 Key West Avenue, Rockville (#201010-01). Minor Modification
2. Clearwire application to attach antennas at the 124' level of an existing transmission tower located on PEPCO#59-S property, 17125 Germantown Road, Germantown (#201010-02). Minor Modification
3. Clearwire application to attach antennas at the 60' level of an existing 75' bell tower on St. Patrick's Church property, 4101 Norbeck Road, Rockville (#201010-03). Minor Modification
4. Clearwire application to attach antennas between 127' - 136' levels of an existing 136' building on Arcola Towers – Montgomery property, 1135 University Boulevard, Silver Spring (#201010-05).
5. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 125' level of an existing 154' building on Hampshire Towers, 7401 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park (#201010-06). Minor Modification
6. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 255' of an existing 250' water tank on Woodside Water Tank property, 1945 Seminary Road, Silver Spring (#201010-07). Minor Modification.  
*Conditioned on submission of written authorization from WSSC stating that they have approved the attachment.*
7. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 108' level of an existing 102' water tank on Bradley Water Tank #2 property, 7005B Radnor Place, Bethesda (#201010-08). Minor Modification  
*Conditioned on submission of written authorization from WSSC stating that they have approved the attachment.*
8. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 86' level of an existing 93' building on Choice International property, 10750 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring (#201010-09). Minor Modification
9. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 210' level of an existing 240' building on White Oak Towers Apartments, located at 11700 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring (#201010-10). Minor Modification
10. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 152' level of an existing 148' building on Classic Residence, 8100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase (#201010-11). Minor Modification

11. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 174' level of an existing 160' building on Chevy Chase Building property, 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase (#201010-12). Minor Modification
12. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 234' of an existing 267' building on NIH Building #31 property, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda (#201010-13). Minor Modification
13. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 108' level of an existing 105' building on Summit Hills Apartments, 8484 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Silver Spring (#201010-14). Minor Modification
14. Clearwire application to attach a dish antenna at the 167' level of an existing 160' building on Chevy Chase Building property, 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase (#201010-15). Minor Modification
15. FiberTower application to attach a dish antenna at the 125' level of an existing 150' monopole on Shady Grove Post Office property, 16501 Shady Grove Road, Gaithersburg (#201010-16). Minor Modification
16. Clearwire application to attach antennas and a microwave dish at the 93' and 89' levels of an existing 125' water tank on Brink Water Tank property, 21701 Ridge Road, Germantown (#201010-17).
17. T-Mobile application to replace antennas at the 103' level of an existing 128' monopole on Argyle Country Club property, 14600 Argyle Club Road, Silver Spring (#201010-19). Minor Modification
18. T-Mobile application to replace antennas at the 210' level of an existing 202' building on White Oak Towers Apartments property, 11700 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring (#201010-20).
19. T-Mobile application to replace antennas at the 70' level of an existing 110' monopole on Rinaldi Property, 15700 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring (#201010-21). Minor Modification  
*Conditioned on submission of a structural analysis report to DPS with a copy to the Tower Coordinator which states that the structure can support the attachment.*
20. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 201' level of an existing 195' building on Democracy Center property, 6903 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda (#201010-22). Minor Modification
21. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 159' level of an existing 210' building on Westlake Towers property, 7420 Westlake Terrace, Bethesda (#201010-23). Minor Modification

22. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 108' level of an existing 122' building on Renaissance Plaza Apartments property, 1400 Castle Boulevard, Silver Spring (#201010-24). Minor Modification
23. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 138' level of an existing 148' building on Crescent Building property, 4600 East West Highway, Bethesda (#201010-25). Minor Modification
24. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 82' level of an existing 83' building on Verizon Building property, 13100 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring (#201010-26). Minor Modification
25. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 144' level of an existing 295' building on World Building Tower property, 8121 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring (#201010-27). Minor Modification
26. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 163' level of an existing 161' building on Continental Plaza property, 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda (#201010-28). Minor Modification
27. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 169' level of an existing 171' building on Park Ritchie Apartments property, 7600 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park (#201010-29). Minor Modification
28. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 115' level of an existing 115' building on Takoma Tower property, 7051 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park (#201010-30). Minor Modification
29. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 64' level of an existing 78' building on Wessling property, 6931 Arlington Road, Bethesda (#201010-31). Minor Modification
30. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 150' level of an existing 171' building on Rock Creek property, 8630 Fenton Street, Silver Spring (#201010-32). Minor Modification
31. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 90' level of an existing 92' building on Goldsboro Road Site property, 6400 Goldsboro Road, Bethesda (#201010-33). Minor Modification
32. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 115' level of an existing 140' water tank on Cabin John Water Tank property, 7806-A Tomlinson Avenue, Cabin John (#201010-34). Minor Modification  
*Conditioned on submission of written authorization from WSSC stating that they have approved the attachment.*

33. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 140' level of an existing 146' tower on PEPCO #659-S property, 11405 Georgetowne Drive, Potomac (#201011-03). Minor Modification
34. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 53' level of an existing monopole on Miller Company Building property, 4701 Sangamore Road, Bethesda (#201011-04). Minor Modification
35. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 140' level of an existing tower on PEPCO #652-N property, 12200 Falls Road, Potomac (#201011-05). Minor Modification
36. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 138' level of an existing building on Claridge House Apartments property, 2445 Lyttonsville Road, Silver Spring (#201011-06). Minor Modification
37. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 68' level of an existing 68' tower on CSX Tower property, 2701 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring (#201011-07). Minor Modification  
*Conditioned on submission of a structural analysis report to DPS with a copy to the Tower Coordinator which states that the structure can support the attachment.*
38. AT&T application to attach antennas at the 147' - 161' levels of an existing building on Aldon Building property, 8200 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda (#201011-08). Minor Modification
39. Clearwire application to attach a dish antenna at the 260' level of an existing 235' building on Washingtonian property, 9701 Fields Road, Gaithersburg (#201011-09). Minor Modification  
*Conditioned on meeting the requirements of FCC OET-65 for RF emissions.*

**Discussion:** Martin Rookard noted that the applicants may not make the proposed changes to WSSC property without WSSC approval from Jim Krause. Mr. Hunnicutt added that he had been advised that the WSSC has not approved any of the AT&T modifications on the agenda and that for action on public property, the recommendations are conditioned that at the time of permitting, the applicant provide written approval from the property owner.

Dave Niblock said that the permit application has a section that requires the applicant to affirm that they have the property owner's permission to take the specified action, though there is no way to check that the affirmation is factually correct.

One of the applicants added that they usually indicate that they are acting as an agent of the property owner.

Mary Pat Wilson stated that some actions on school property have been taken without approval of the schools.

Ms. Herrera asked if DPS could assure that TFCG conditions about a property owner's approval are checked as applicants file for permits. Mr. Niblock said that since he reviews all those applications, he would check to see that the condition is met. Ms. Herrera concluded that as she considers changes to the application form, they will think about adding a requirement to provide that approval from the property owner.

Mr. Hunnicutt asked if there was a need to provide copies of the minor modification applications in the packets sent to the members. After discussion, it was decided that the Tower Coordinator would bring copies of the minor modification applications to each meeting in case a member wanted to review them at that time, and that there is no need to include copies of minor modification applications and recommendations in the packets for the members.

**Motion:** ~~Marty~~ Mary Pat Wilson moved the consent agenda items be recommended as conditioned. Joan Cull seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **Co-location Permitted By-Right**

40. Verizon Wireless application to attach antennas at the 145' level of an existing 188' monopole on Wheaton Park Maintenance Yard property, 12102 Alpert Lane, Wheaton (#201010-04).

*Conditioned on approval by the Board of Appeals of any modification to the special exception to permit the expanded equipment area and the applicant providing written approval of the attachment by the M-NCPPC and on submission of a structural analysis report to DPS with a copy to the Tower Coordinator which states that the structure can support the additional antennas and related cabling and equipment.*

Mr. Hunnicutt summarized the application noting that the MNCPPC had approved the proposed attachment and use of the ground space, but since the monopole was there by Special Exception, and the structure was quite loaded, the recommendation was conditioned as stated on the Tower Coordinator's form.

**Motion:** Carlton Gilbert moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Mr. Rookard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

41. FLO TV application to extend monopole by 25 feet and attach antennas at the 144', 30', and 40' levels of an existing 120' monopole on Airpark Industrial Center property, 7707 Airpark Road in Gaithersburg (#201010-18).

Mr. Hunnicutt noted that he had been asked by the applicant to withdraw this application.

42. Verizon Wireless application to attach antennas at the 194' level of an existing 194' monopole on Weitzer property, 14705 Sugarland Road in Poolesville (#201010-35).

*Conditioned on submission of a structural analysis report to DPS with a copy to the Tower Coordinator which states that the structure can support the attachment.*

Mr. Hunnicutt summarized the application.

Ms. Cull asked if there was a deadline on providing a copy of the structural analysis report. Mr. Hunnicutt replied that there was not. Ms. Herrera asked if there was a deadline for permitting purposes. Mr. Niblock replied that there was not.

**Motion:** Mr. Rookard moved the application be recommended as conditioned. Mary Pat Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Application for New Construction by Special Exception:**

43. T-Mobile application to attach antennas at the 127' and 137' levels of a new 140' monopole on White Farms property, 22531 Wildcat Road, Germantown (#201011-01).  
Special Exception

*Conditioned on approval by the Board of Appeals for a Special Exception and a reduction in the setback requirements and distance from the nearest off-site dwelling.*

Mr. Hunnicutt summarized the application.

Carlton Gilbert noted that the location for the monopole was on an out lot, which would require a waiver. Mr. Niblock stated that the out lot issue may be a problem for approving a permit. The applicant noted that T-Mobile's counsel was addressing that issue. Ms. Herrera noted that this was a matter for the Planning Board to resolve but a consideration for the TFCG in reviewing applications.

**Motion:** Mary Pat Wilson moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Mr. Rookard seconded the motion and it was approved with Carlton Gilbert abstaining.

44. T-Mobile application to attach antennas at the 127' level of a new 130' monopole on Sligo Middle School property, 1401 Dennis Avenue, Silver Spring (#201011-02). Special Exception

*Conditioned on the Board of Appeals granting a Special Exception and a reduced setback for the monopole, and on considering disguising the monopole as a tree to better blend in with the surrounding wooded area.*

Mr. Hunnicutt summarized the application.

Mary Pat Wilson noted that the language in the Recommendation Form stating that the public schools had approved the proposed monopole was incorrect. It should state that they are aware of the proposal and do not have any problems with the design.

**Motion:** Martin moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator and including Ms. Wilson's remarks. Joan Cull seconded the motion and it was approved with Ms. Wilson and Mr. Gilbert abstaining.

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