



DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on October 5, 2011. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		DTS
Joan Cole		DTS
Mary Pat Wilson	(via phone)	MCPS
Jennifer Bryant	(via phone)	OMB
Martin Rookard		WSSC
Bernie Fitzgerald		DGS

STAFF

Bob Hunnicutt	CTC
Martin Liebman	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Mitsiko Herrera	DTS
Justin Severeson	NB&C

Meeting Minutes: Joan Cole moved the minutes be approved as written. Mary Pat Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item – Consent Agenda Applications:

1. AT&T application to add three 51"-high panel antennas at the 49' level atop a 47'-high apartment building on Kay Management/Louis Grossberg et. al. property at 11927 Veirs Mill Road in Silver Spring (Application #201110-08). *Minor Modification*
2. Washington Gas application to attach three antennas (two 11'-high omni-directional antennas and one 63"-long directional Yagi antenna) at the 190', 214', and 233' levels on a 224'-high lattice tower on Rockville Chapter Izaak Walton property at 18301 Waring Station Road in Germantown (Application #201110-15). *Co-location*

Motion: Martin Rookard moved the consent agenda items be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Mary Pat Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Regular Agenda

3. Sprint application to replace six antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 129', 126', and 125' levels atop a 125'-high apartment building on Grady Properties/Renaissance Plaza, LLC property at 14000 Castle Blvd in Silver Spring (Application #201109-05). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned**
4. Sprint application to replace six antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 55' level atop a 50'-high office building on Semmes Building, LLC property at 10220 River Road in Potomac (Application #201109-13). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned**
5. Sprint application to replace three antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 190' level on a 193'-high monopole on Rudell Beall and Sons, Inc property at 13201 Lewisdale Road in Clarksburg (Application #201109-20). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned on submission of a structural report at the time of permitting, with a copy to the Tower Coordinator, which states that the addition of Sprint's antennas can be safely made considering the AT&T modifications as well, and that the final plans are the same as described on this application and are low-profile antennas per the Special Exception (S-2495)**
6. AT&T application to add three panel antennas, two 51"-high and one 72"-high, at the 150' level on a 200'-high lattice tower on Montgomery County property at 19200 Jerusalem Road in Poolesville (Application #201109-27). *Minor Modification*
Conditioned on providing, at time of permitting, written approval from the County to make the changes and submission of a structural analysis report which states that the changes can be safely made.
7. Sprint application to replace six antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 135' level on a 150'-high monopole on Montgomery County property at 12100 Darnestown Road in Gaithersburg (Application #201110-01). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned on providing, at time of permitting, written approval from the County to make the changes and submission of a structural analysis report which states that the changes can be safely made.**
8. Sprint application to replace six antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 186' level atop a 150'-high office building on Democracy Associates property at 6903 Rockledge Drive in Bethesda (Application #201110-02). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned**

9. Sprint application to replace five antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 148' and 161' levels atop a 158'-high apartment building on Park Ritchie Apts JNT VNTR c/o Southern Management Corp. property at 7600 Maple Avenue in Takoma Park (Application #201110-05). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned**
10. Sprint application to replace three antennas with three 72"-high panel antennas at the 116' level on a 120'-high monopole on Goshen United Methodist Church property at 7700 Brink Road in Gaithersburg (Application #201110-06). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned**
11. Sprint application to replace three antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 128' level on a 190'-high monopole on Gates of Heaven Cemetery, Inc. property at 13801 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring (Application #201110-07). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned**
12. Sprint application to replace six antennas with six 72'-high panel antennas at the 76' level on a 125'-high monopole on Rinaldi property at 15700 Georgia Avenue in Olney (Application #201110-09). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned**
13. Sprint application to replace four antennas with two 72"-high panel antennas at the 186' level on a 195'-high lattice tower on Ferguson property at 14825 Comus Road in Clarksburg (Application #201110-10). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned**
14. Sprint application to replace three antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 223' level on a 226'-high lattice tower on Rockville Chapter Izaak Walton League property at 18301 Waring Station Road in Germantown (Application #201110-11). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned on submission of a structural analysis report that also considers the Washington Gas antennas, and which states that the antennas can be safely be attached to this tower. Provide a copy to the Tower Coordinator.**
15. Sprint application to replace six antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 235' level on a 250'-high lattice tower on Montgomery County property at 26149 Ridge Road in Damascus (Application #201110-12). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned on providing, at time of permitting, written approval from the County to make the changes and submission of a structural analysis report which states that the changes can be safely made.**
16. Sprint application to replace six antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 140' level on a 140'-high monopole on Linthicum property at 13100 West Old Baltimore Road in Boyds (Application #201110-13). *Minor Modification*
*Conditioned on submitting a structural analysis report at the time of permitting with a copy to the Tower Coordinator which states that these changes can be safely made.**

17. Sprint application to replace six antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 150' level on a 160'-high monopole on MDOT/State Highway Administration property at I-495 and Connecticut Avenue in Kensington (Application #201110-14). *Minor Modification Conditioned**
18. Sprint application to replace six antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 35' level on a 38'-high water tank on WSSC property at 24213 Ridge Road in Damascus (Application #201110-17). *Minor Modification Conditioned on providing DPS documentation of a legal right from WSSC to attach antennas at the time of permitting.**
19. AT&T application to replace three antennas with three 72'-high panel antennas at the 160' level on a 199'-high monopole on Rudell Beall and Sons, Inc property at 13201 Lewisdale Road in Clarksburg (Application #201110-18). *Minor Modification Conditioned on submission of a structural report at the time of permitting, with a copy to the Tower Coordinator, which states that the addition of AT&T's antennas can be safely made considering the Sprint modifications as well, and that the antennas are low-profile per the Special Exception (S-2495).*
20. Sprint application to replace six antennas with three 72"-high panel antennas at the 130' level on a 136'-high transmission tower on PEPCO property at 14800 Schaeffer Road in Germantown (Application #201111-02). *Minor Modification Conditioned**
21. Sprint application to replace six antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 167' and 177' levels of a 180'-high apartment building on Parkside Plaza Condominium Association property at 9039 Sligo Creek Parkway in Silver Spring (Application #201111-03). *Minor Modification Conditioned**
22. Sprint application to replace three antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 210' level of a 250'-high tower on Montgomery County property at 20200 Observation Drive in Germantown (Application #201111-04). *Minor Modification Conditioned**

** These applications list frequencies presently authorized by the FCC for LightSquared's use to be operated from Sprint's antennas. Sprint has entered into an agreement to host LightSquared's network on its system and to use frequencies assigned to LightSquared. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a Public Notice prohibiting LightSquared from commencing operations on its assigned frequencies until the FCC, in consultation with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), finds that Global Positioning System (GPS) interference concerns have been satisfactorily resolved. Consequently, we condition our recommendation on approval from the FCC for use and activation of service for those frequencies and assignment of those frequencies by LightSquared to Sprint.*

Bob Hunnicutt noted that all of the items on the regular agenda are there because there are conditions on the recommendations. He noted that the all of the recommendations for the Sprint applications are conditioned as noted on the agenda even though the condition is not also shown on the Recommendation Form. This is because, though they had asked for an explanation from the applicant about the use of LightSquared's frequencies, they never received an answer at the time those forms were completed. Rather than take the time and expense to revise all of the forms, it was decided to just note the conditions on the agenda and it will be so reflected on the final Record of Action form and on the Notice of Action if so approved by the group. He noted the recent press and the FCC's Public Notice about the Sprint/LightSquared matter as distributed to the members.

Mitsiko asked if the DPS would wait to issue a permit until after the FCC granted approval for use of Lightsquared's frequencies. Mr. Hunnicutt said that would be up to the DPS to determine.

Motion: Martin Rookard moved the consent agenda items be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Joan Cole seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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