



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 March 7, 2012. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Carlton Gilbert	(via phone)	M-NCPPC
Dave Niblock	(via phone)	DPS
Marjorie Williams		DTS
Bernie Fitzgerald	DGS	
Joan Cole	(via phone)	DTS
Mary Pat Wilson	(via phone)	MCPS

STAFF

Bob Hunnicutt	CTC
Marty Leibman	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Justin Severson	NB&C for Sprint
Harold Bernadzikowski	NB&C for Cricket
Sean Hughes	Sean Hughes Law Office
Peter Meyers	interested resident
Paul Whitley	NB&C for AT&T and Sprint

Action Item - Meeting Minutes

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved the minutes be approved as written. Mary Pat Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item – Consent Agenda Applications:

Sprint application to replace three antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 73' level inside a faux chimney to be reconstructed on Connecticut Avenue LLP property at 8221 Garland Avenue in Takoma Park (Application #201203-02). Minor Modification

Sprint application to replace three antennas with two panel antennas, one 55"-high and one 51"-high, at the 98' level atop a 100'-high PEPCO transmission line tower on U.S. Army property on MacArthur Blvd at I-495 in Cabin John (Application #201203-03). Minor Modification

Sprint application to replace three antennas with three 72"-high panel antennas and one 2'-wide dish antenna at the 167' level on the penthouse walls atop a 160'-high office building on Friendship Properties, LTD property at 5530 Wisconsin Avenue in Chevy Chase (Application #201203-04). Minor Modification

Sprint application to replace six antennas with three 72"-high panel antennas and two dish antennas, one 3'-wide and one 5'-wide, at the 180' level on a 230'-high lattice tower on Montgomery MVLE LLC property at 23000 Whites Ferry Road in Dickerson (Application #201203-08). Minor Modification

Sprint application to replace three antennas with three 72"-high panel antennas at the 227' level atop a 16-story office building on U.S. Government property at 10 Center Drive in Bethesda (Application #201203-09). Minor Modification

AT&T application to replace three panel antennas with three 51"-high panel antennas at the 80' level on a 100'-high monopole on Petrucelli property at 14120 Darnestown Road in Germantown (Application #201203-11). Minor Modification

Cricket application to attach three 72"-high panel antennas at the 130' and 134' levels on the penthouse walls and the roof of a 123'-high apartment building on C&C Apartments Assoc. LP property at 2445 Lyttonsville Road in Silver Spring (Application #201203-12). Co-location

Cricket application to attach three 72"-high panel antennas at the 116' level atop a 98'-high office building on Verizon of Maryland property at 13100 Columbia Pike in Silver Spring (Application #201204-01). Co-location

Cricket application to attach three 72"-high panel antennas at the 167' and 196' levels atop a 15-story apartment building on WP Project Developer LLC, C/O Boston Properties property at 4440 Willard Avenue in Chevy Chase (Application #201204-02). Co-location

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald 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

Action Item: Sprint application to attach three 72"-high panel antennas at the 105' and 95' levels on a 120'-high monopole to be constructed on West Hillandale Swim Club property at 915 Schindler Drive in Silver Spring (Application #201203-01). Co-location, conditioned on the monopole being constructed and on the applicant notifying the Board of Appeals of a change in the name of the owner of the monopole.

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application noting that the Tower Coordinator's recommendation is so conditioned because the monopole is not yet constructed and the approval of the Special Exception is presently under judicial review as a result of residents appealing the Board of Appeals action to the courts. Additionally, the ownership of the monopole has been transferred to a new owner who will need to notify the Board of Appeals of the change in ownership and holder of the special exception.

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved the application be approved as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Mary Pat Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Sprint application to replace six antennas with six 72"-high panel antennas at the 139' level on a 142'-high water tank on United States Navy property at 9500 MacArthur Boulevard in Bethesda (Application #201203-07). Minor Modification, conditioned on approval from the FCC for use and activation of service for those frequencies listed on the application, and assignment of those frequencies by LightSquared to Sprint.

Bob Hunnicutt summarized the application, noting that the condition on the Tower Coordinator's recommendation is due to the application containing LightSquared's frequencies. Despite the fact that the FCC has denied LightSquared's request to activate its services because the services would interfere with GPS frequencies, this application still indicates that LightSquared's frequencies will be transmitted from this site. Mr. Hunnicutt noted that the recommendation is consistent with the TFCG's past practice for Sprint applications that contain LightSquared's frequencies. Bernie Fitzgerald asked about the agreement between Sprint and LightSquared. Marty Liebman explained their agreement for Sprint to deploy antennas for LightSquared and noted that the arrangement had now expired.

Motion: Mary Pat Wilson moved the application be approved as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Sprint application to replace six antennas with three 72"-high panel antennas at the 150' level on a 150'-high monopole on MCPS property at 300 Olney Sandy Spring Road in Sandy Spring (Application #201203-10). Minor Modification, conditioned on providing written documentation at time of permitting that MCPS has approved the changes.

Mary Pat Wilson noted that MCPS had not yet approved this modification because of structural concerns, and that it asked DPS not to approve a permit until those issues have been resolved and MCPS has approved the application. Dave Niblock noted an error in the description of the application on the Tower Coordinator's recommendation form: the antennas would be attached at the 150' level; not the 1502' level. Mr. Hunnicutt corrected the error.

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved the application be approved as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator and on DPS not issuing a permit until the applicant has obtained MCPS approval for the antenna change. Bernie Fitzgerald seconded the motion and it was approved with Mary Pat Wilson abstaining.

The next meeting of the TFCG is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4 at 2 p.m. in the second floor conference room #225 of the COB.