



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 January 08, 2014. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Bob Hunnicutt	(via phone)	CTC
Nancy Rodriguez		CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Diane Delaet	SCEENG for Verizon Wireless
Timothy Dwyer	NB&C for Verizon Wireless

Action Item – Meeting Minutes

Motion: Dave Niblock moved the minutes be approved. Carlton Gilbert seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Consent Agenda

1. Sirius XM application to attach two panel antennas at the 325 level on a 275' -high lattice tower on High Tower Company property located at 2647 University Boulevard West in Wheaton (201312-01). *Co-location.*

Motion: Carlton Gilbert moved the Consent Agenda item be recommended. Joan Cole seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion Item: Recommendations conditioned on generators meeting noise limits

Marjorie Williams stated that because the inclusion of an emergency power generator at sites is becoming more the standard than the exception, the condition that generators operate within the County's noise limits in the Noise Ordinance may no longer be needed. Dave Niblock agreed, adding that is something considered at the time of permitting. Mr. Hunnicutt remarked that he had been asked to include that condition because, for past applications that included generators, some specs did not meet the noise limits. Now, he noted, specs are not usually provided so he can't determine if they comply or not. With the concurrence of the rest of the members present, Ms. Williams asked that, with the exception of those applications already on today's agenda, the Tower Coordinator need not condition recommendations on generators meeting noise limits for those applications.

Regular Agenda

Action Item: AT&T application to attach 12 panel antennas within a faux chimney atop Saint Luke Evangelical Church property located at 9100 Colesville Road in Silver Spring (201312-05).
Co-location.

Conditioned on the generator operating in compliance with the County's Noise Ordinance.

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Verizon Wireless application to attach 12 panel antennas at the 107' level on a 120'-high monopole on Oakview Recreation Corp property located at 1101 Corliss Street in Silver Spring (201312-08). *Co-location.*

Conditioned on the generator operating in compliance with the County's Noise Ordinance.

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Verizon Wireless application to attach 12 panel antennas on the PEPCO transmission line tower located at 19800 New Hampshire Avenue in Brookeville (201312-09).
Co-location.

Conditioned on the generator operating in compliance with the County's Noise Ordinance.

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Verizon Wireless application to attach 12 panel antennas at the 212' level on a 480'-high guyed lattice tower on Shumaker Property located at 16700 Barnesville Road in Dickerson (201312-10). *Co-location.*

Conditioned on the generator operating in compliance with the County's Noise Ordinance.

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Verizon Wireless application to 12 twelve panel antennas at the 160' level on a 232'-high lattice tower on Benmar Property located at 23000 Whites Ferry Road in Dickerson (201312-11). *Co-location.*

Conditioned on the generator operating in compliance with the County's Noise Ordinance.

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: AT&T application to attach six panel antennas at the 90' level on a 101'-high monopole on Montgomery County Public School property located at 20301 Brandermill Drive in Germantown (201401-04). *Co-location.*

Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval at the time of permitting that MCPS has approved the attachment of the antennas as proposed.

Motion: Joan Cole moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Verizon Wireless application to attach 12 panel antennas at the 120' level on a 135'-high monopole on Board of Education property located at 11135 Newport Mill Road in Silver Spring (201401-05). *Co-location.*

Conditioned on the generator operating in compliance with the County's Noise Ordinance.

Motion: Bernie Fitzgerald moved the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Dave Niblock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion Item: 2014 TFCG Meeting Schedule

Ms. Williams mentioned that she distributed the schedule for the 2014 meetings and asked if there were any comments. Mr. Hunnicutt noted the July and September meetings were in weeks with holidays and that the October meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday, not the first as usual. Ms. Williams said that as those months approach she would consider changing the dates if needed to meet members' schedules. Carlton Gilbert mentioned he is not available for the February 5th meeting.

Discussion Item: Board of Appeals Action on a Verizon Wireless application

Dave Niblock informed the group that the Board of Appeals ruled that Verizon Wireless could attach their antennas to the structure at a church in Germantown where DPS had denied a permit because the structure was a telecommunications tower, not a bell tower as the application for same stated. The Board determined that there was no proof Verizon intended to build the

structure in violation of the County Code. Therefore, any future applications for that site may be considered as co-locations.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TFCG will be held on February 5th in Room #225 of the COB.