



**DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

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**MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING**

To: Distribution

From: Bob Hunnicutt, Tower Coordinator, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC)

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on December 2, 2015. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		DTS
Thomas Williamson		DGS
Martin Rookard	(via phone)	WSSC
Laura Bradshaw	(via phone)	DPS
Boyd Lawrence	(via phone)	MCPS
Ted Bowser	(via phone)	DTS

STAFF

Nancy Rodriguez		CTC
Bob Hunnicutt	(via phone)	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Butch Salamone		NB&C for Verizon Wireless
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**Action Item: Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Boyd Lawrence moved that the minutes be approved as written. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Action Item: Consent Agenda**

1. Verizon Wireless application to replace six antennas with six panel antennas at the 112' level on a 105'-high water tank on WSSC property located at 5603 (aka 7005B) Radnor Road in Bethesda (201511-26). *Minor Modification.*  
*Conditioned on the applicant providing written approval from WSSC that they approves of the attachment at the time of permitting*

2. Verizon Wireless application to replace six antennas with six panel antennas at the 123' level on a 116'-high office building on Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company-MD property located at 13100 Columbia Pike in Silver Spring (201512-03). *Minor Modification.*
3. Verizon Wireless application to replace six antennas with six panel antennas at the 108' and 115' levels on a 100'-high office building on Forest Village Executive property located at 6100 Executive Boulevard in Rockville (201512-04). *Minor Modification.*

**Motion:** Martin Rookard moved that all items on the Consent Agenda be recommended. Boyd Lawrence seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Regular Agenda:**

4. Crown Castle NG Atlantic/Verizon Wireless application to attach three panel antennas atop each of 15 PEPCO poles. See attached list of nodes (201512-01). *Co-location.*
5. Crown Castle NG Atlantic/T-Mobile application to add equipment in the existing cabinets at the 10' level on five PEPCO poles. See attached list of nodes (201512-02). *Co-location.*

**Discussion:** Nancy Rodriguez reported that both applications on the Regular Agenda are the initial applications expected as part of a larger Crown Castle DAS network. This initial phase of the project involves placement of antennas for Verizon Wireless service atop replacement PEPCO wooden poles which, once installed, will also be used to transmit T-Mobile signals.

The applicant reports that PEPCO requires replacing each pole because of PEPCO and/or NESC clearance requirements for the antennas atop the electric lines or the distance of the poles from driveways.

The applicant has explained that future antennas as part of this DAS network will include antennas on County light poles or other new structures in areas where there are presently only underground utilities and there are no existing structures. Ms. Rodriguez noted that it is unclear how the second phase will be handled from a zoning standpoint but that the applicant is working with the County to address those issues, including ownership of the poles.

Thomas Williamson asked if these applications were part of the applications discussed by Crown Castle at its presentation to the TFCG a few months ago. Marjorie Williams replied that they are, and that since that time, Crown Castle representatives have met with County DOT staff to discuss how to approach deployment of the next phase of the project. She said that overall, Crown Castle expect to have approximately 150 antenna sites when the DAS networks are completed. Butch Salamone noted that the next set of applications (16 in total) should be submitted to the TFCG by the end of the week.

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Mr. Williamson asked if Crown Castle will be requesting a franchise agreement with the County. Ms. Williams stated that Crown Castle already has a Telecommunications Franchise agreement. Mr. Salamone confirmed this.

**Motion:** Thomas Williamson moved that all items on the Regular Agenda be recommended. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TFCG will be held on January 6, 2016 in Room #225 of the COB.