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MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

REVISED AS APPROVED FROM JUNE 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 April 6, 2016. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams		DTS
Ted Bowser		DTS
Gregory Russ		M-NCPPC
Dave Niblock		DPS
Dennis Hetman	(via phone)	OMB
Thomas Williamson	(via phone)	DGS
Martin Rookard	(via phone)	WSSC
Boyd Lawrence	(via phone)	MCPS

STAFF

Nancy Rodriguez		CTC
Bob Hunnicutt	(via phone)	CTC

OTHER ATTENDEES

Charles Salamone		NB&C
Bryan Cline		Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
Shari Saslaw	(via phone)	SCE, LLC
Heather Rubinstein	(via phone)	SCE, LLC

Action Item: Meeting Minutes

Motion: Martin Rookard moved that the minutes be approved as written. Ted Bowser seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Consent Agenda

1. T-Mobile application to add three panel antennas at the 139' level on a 150'-high monopole on Jennifer Sarem property located at 15901 Columbia Pike in Burtonsville (201604-18). *Minor Modification.*

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

Action Item: Regular Agenda

1. Verizon Wireless application to construct a 150'-high monopole and attach 12 panel antennas at the 150' level on MCPS property located at 11700 Neelsville Church Road in Germantown (201604-02). *New.*
Conditioned on approval of a Conditional Use for placement of this monopole

Discussion:

Nancy Rodriguez reported that Verizon Wireless first submitted an application to construct a monopole at this location in March 2014, but the application was placed on hold by Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). Boyd Lawrence added that he has since provided a memo to the Tower Coordinator stating MCPS's support for the monopole. He also said that Verizon Wireless received approval from the PTA after a community meeting was held.

Ms. Rodriguez noted that the monopole will be constructed at the rear of the building adjacent to a small wooded area on the property, which may screen the monopole as viewed from the east and south when trees are in full foliage. Mr. Lawrence noted the monopole is being constructed in the custodial delivery area in a grassy area on the property a short distance away from where the custodial delivery area is located. of the school.

Ms. Rodriguez explained that the Tower Coordinator's engineering review found the RF maps show a need for the antennas in this vicinity to meet the coverage objective and that antennas at the 150' level cover a larger area than would antennas at lower elevations. The taller monopole will also provide a greater opportunity for future co-location, minimizing the likelihood for additional monopoles in the area. Mr. Hunnicutt noted that other carriers have filed applications for a monopole at this location but none were ultimately constructed. He also noted that a database search shows there are still plans for others to site antennas in this vicinity, indicating that there may be interest from other carriers to co-locate on this monopole.

Ms. Rodriguez stated that because the property is residentially zoned, the recommendation is conditioned on approval of a Conditional Use to permit the monopole.

Motion: Thomas Williamson moved that the application be recommended as conditioned by the Tower Coordinator. Martin Rookard seconded the motion and it was approved with Boyd Lawrence and Gregory Russ abstaining.

Discussion Item

- Revised applications and plans for TFCG #201512-01, Crown Castle/Verizon Wireless @ NPE-011 – PEPCO Wooden Pole @ Nolan Drive in Rockville. The applicant reports that PEPCO denied the location of the pole (as proposed in the application the TFCG had reviewed and recommended) due to NESC requirements, and requests the location be moved approximately one-quarter mile away. See attached explanation and revised application and plans from the applicant.

Motion: Dave Niblock moved that the application revision be recommended. Thomas Williamson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TFCG will be held on May 4, 2016 in Room #225 of the COB.