

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

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MINUTES OF TFCG MEETING

To: Distribution

From: TFCG Staff (CTC Technology & Energy)

A meeting of the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group (TFCG) was held on October 6, 2022. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS

Marjorie Williams	(via video)	TFCG Chair
Thomas Williamson	(via video)	DGS
Michelle Grace	(via video)	M-NCPPC
Daryl Braithwaite	(via video)	Takoma Park
Patricia Wolford	(via video)	DPS
Benjamin Berbert	(via video)	M-NCPPC
Wayne Anderson	(via video)	WSSC
Seamus McNamara	(via video)	OMB
Dan Sanayi	(via video)	DOT

STAFF

Shawn Thompson	(via video)	CTC
Julie Elias Lisa Lewis	(via video)	CTC DTS DTS
	(via video)	
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Action Item: Meeting Minutes September 7th

Motion: Patricia Wolford moved that the September minutes be approved. Seamus McNamara seconded the motion. Benjamin Berbert abstained as he was not present at the September 7th meeting, and the motion was otherwise unanimously approved.

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Marjorie Williams spoke on a series of 4 applications (2021081528, 2021081533, 2021081541 and 2021081545) that the TFCG had initially recommended in April, and that were requesting a renewed recommendation. Julie Elias clarified that these applications had come back to the TFCG in July seeking a renewed recommendation, and that since obtaining the needed approvals was taking longer than expected, the applicant was seeking an additional spoke on the application.

Michelle brought up concern about applicants asking for an extension repeatedly and not going through OZAH. Marjorie explained that OZAH did confirm that they were going through the process and were waiting on certain approvals that were taking longer than expected.

Michelle Grace makes recommendation to re-recommend these applications, and Benjamin Berbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Action item: Consent Agenda

1. Application Number: 2022051761 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 5/5/2022

Revised: 7/19/2022 Revised: 9/9/2022 Revised: 9/13/2022

Applicant: Site Link Wireless LLC on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Maplewood Park/ 9707 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda

Zoning Standard: RT-12.5 **Property Owner:** The Maplewood Entities

Description: Remove (12) existing antennas, install (12) new antennas, remove (6) RRHs, install (6) new RRHs, remove (6) existing TMAs, and upgrade ancillary equipment in support of new antennas.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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2. Application Number: 2022051778 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 5/16/2022

Revised: 9/22/2022 Revised: 9/26/2022 Revised: 9/27/2022

Applicant: MasTec Network Solutions on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: <u>Verizon Central Office</u>/ <u>8670 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring</u> **Zoning Standard:** CR-5.0 C-4.0 R-4.75 H-145 T **Property Owner:** Verizon

Communications

Description: Remove 6 antennas, install 9

- Samsung VZ-ATIK04 QTY 3
- Samsung MT6407-77A OTY 3
- MXIOFRO640-02 QTY 3

Remove 6 radio heads, install 9

- Samsung RT4401-48A - Qty 3

- Samsung B5-B13 F444Od-13A QTY 3
- Samsung B2/B66 RF4439d-25A QTY 3

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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3. Application Number: 2022051788 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 5/24/2022

Revised: 9/22/2022 *Revised:* 9/26/2022

Applicant: MasTec Network Solutions on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: EZ Storage - Takoma Park/ 1352 Holton Ln, Adelphi

Zoning Standard: CRT-2.5 C-2.5 R-1.5 H-80 Property Owner: Takoma Park Land LLLP

Description: Install 3 new antennas and swap 6 radios with new models.

Antenna: Qty 3 - Samsung MT6407-77A

Radio: Oty 3 - Samsung B5/B13 RF444Od-13A

Radio: Qty 3 - Samsung B2/B66 RF4439d-25A

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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4. Application Number: 2022051793 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 5/24/2022

Revised: 8/18/2022 Revised: 9/22/2022 Revised: 9/23/2022

Applicant: MasTec Network Solutions on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Verizon Building/13100 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring

Zoning Standard: EOF-0.75 H-100T **Property Owner:** Chesapeake and Potomac Tele Co MD

Description: Modify rooftop antenna facility by removing 6 antennas and installing 3 new antennas.

Antenna; Qty 3 - MT6407-77A

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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5. Application Number: 2022051797 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 5/24/2022

Revised: 9/22/2022 *Revised:* 9/26/2022

Applicant: MasTec Network Solutions on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Albert Einstein High School/ 11135 Newport Mill Rd, Silver Spring

Zoning Standard: R-60 Property Owner: MCPS

Description: Modify antenna facility to include: Remove 3 antennas and install 6 new antennas, remove 9 radios and install 12 new radios, update cabling and accessories **Tower Coordinator Recommendation:** Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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6. Application Number: 2022061812 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 6/1/2022

Revised: 8/26/2022 Revised: 9/2/2022 Revised: 9/9/2022

Applicant: Crown Castle USA Inc on behalf of T-Mobile

Site Name/Location: Izaak Walton League/ 18301 Waring Station Rd, Germantown

Zoning Standard: R-200 Property Owner: Izaak Walton League

Description: T-Mobile is removing (9) existing antennas and (6) RRHs. They are adding (6) antennas and (3) RRHs on existing tower structure. T-Mobile is removing (1) existing cabinet and adding (2) new cabinets to the ground.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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7. Application Number: 2022061833 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 6/14/2022

Revised: 7/5/2022 Revised: 8/7/2022 Revised: 8/25/2022 Revised: 9/8/2022

Applicant: Smartlink Group on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Democracy Plaza II/ 6707 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda

Zoning Standard: <u>CR-1.5,C-1.0, R-0.75, H-150</u> **Property Owner:** <u>Rock Spring Properties</u> **Description:** Remove (15) antennas - (6) Commscope HBXX-6517DS-A2M, (6) CSS X7C-

FRO-640-V-00, (3) Amphenol BXA-171063-8CF-EDIN

Retain (3) antennas - (3) Amphenol BXA-80063-6CF

<u>Install (9) antennas - (3) Samsung MT6407-77A, (3) JMA MX06FRO660-02, (3) JMA MX10FRO660-05</u>

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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8. Application Number: 2022071853 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 7/7/2022

Revised: 7/19/2022 *Revised:* 9/15/2022 *Revised:* 9/22/2022

Applicant: Crown Castle on behalf of AT&T Wireless

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Full Corporate Name of the Facility Owner: New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

Site Name/Location: Pinnacle Towers/ 5202 (aka 5208) River Rd, Bethesda

Zoning Standard: IM-2.5 H-50 Property Owner: Pinnacle Towers Inc

Description: AT&T to remove (6) antennas, (6) coax, ancillary equipment and (3) mounts.

Install new mounts, (9) new antennas. Relocate (3) existing antennas and (15) RRH's.

Ground SOW: Decom UMTS cabinet and RET rack. Remove (6) coax and (12) diplexers. Install (2)

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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9. Application Number: 2022071884 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 7/29/2022

Revised: 8/5/2022 Revised: 9/7/2022 Revised: 9/7/2022

Applicant: Site Link Wireless LLC on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Tri-State Stone Quarry/ 8200 Seven Locks Rd, Bethesda

Zoning Standard: R-200 Property Owner: Ben Porto & Son LTD

Description: REMOVE (9) EXISTING ANTENNAS

- · INSTALL (9) PROPOSED ANTENNAS
- · REMOVE (6) 1 5/8" COAX CABLES
- · INSTALL (1) UPCONVERTER
- · REMOVE (6) EXISTING RRHs
- · INSTALL (9) PROPOSED RRHs
- · INSTALL (1) 6x12 HYBRID CABLES

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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10. Application Number: 2022081886 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 8/4/2022

Revised: 9/26/2022

Applicant: Dewberry on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Bradley Water Tank 2/5603 Radnor Rd., Bethesda

Zoning Standard: R-90 **Property Owner:** WSSC

Description: Verizon wireless is removing (9) RRHs and Retaining (6) antennas. They are adding (6) antennas and (6) RRHs on an existing water tank.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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11. Application Number: 2022081899 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 8/8/2022

Revised: 9/15/2022 Revised: 9/21/2022 Revised: 9/22/2022

Applicant: Site Link Wireless LLC on behalf of T-Mobile

Site Name/Location: Pyle Property/ 211 Ednor Rd, Silver Spring

Zoning Standard: RE-2 Property Owner: Helen Pyle et al

Description: T-Mobile plans to remove sprint equipment and platform at elevation 140', and the following T-Mobile equipment: (9) existing antennas, (1) existing platform, (1) hybrid cable, (12) coax cables, and (1) existing cabinet.

T-Mobile will be installing the following equipment: (9) antennas, (6) RRUs, (1) platform, (3) hybrid cables, (2) cabinets, and upgrading ancillary equipment in support of new equipment.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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12. Application Number: 2022081903 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 8/10/2022

Revised: 8/22/2022 Revised: 8/30/2022 Revised: 9/15/2022 Revised: 9/16/2022

Applicant: Smartlink LLC on behalf of AT&T Wireless

Full Corporate Name of the Facility Owner: New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

Site Name/Location: Wentworth House/ 5411 McGrath Blvd, N Bethesda

Zoning Standard: <u>CR-4.0 C-2 R-3.5 H-250</u> **Property Owner:** <u>LCOR North Bethesda</u> Residential One, LLC

Description: AT&T proposes to REMOVE (3) existing antennas and INSTALL (3) new NOKIA AEQU AEQK stacked antennas for a total of (6) new antennas.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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13. Application Number: 2022081909 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 8/11/2022

Revised: 9/16/2022 *Revised:* 9/23/2022 *Revised:* 9/27/2022

Applicant: Jacobs Telecommunications on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Aspen Monopole/ 15710 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring

Zoning Standard: RE-2 Property Owner: Michael A. Grodin

Description: Remove (6) Antennas; (1) OVP; (3) RRHs; (6) Coax Cables; (1) Hybriflex; and (6) Diplexers. Install (9) Antennas; (9) RRHs; (1) OVP; (2) Hybriflex and mount modifications at 168' Upgrade ground equipment within existing shelter.

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Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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14. Application Number: 2022081911 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 8/12/2022

Revised: 9/22/2022 *Revised:* 9/26/2022

Applicant: Jacobs Telecommunications on behalf of Verizon Wireless Site Name/Location: Beall Farm/ 13201 Lewisdale Rd, Clarksburg Zoning Standard: AR Property Owner: Rudell Beall & Sons Inc.

Description: Remove (18) Coax, (3) TMAs, and (3) Stand-off Mounts. Install new mounts and relocate remaining existing equipment to new mounts. Install (3) Antennas with Integrated RRHs and (1) Hybrid cable. Relocate (6) RRHs from the ground to the tower. All tower work at 170'. Upgrade ground equipment within existing shelter.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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15. Application Number: 2022081912 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 8/13/2022

Revised: 9/14/2022 **Revised:** 9/16/2022

Applicant: Smartlink Group on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Washington Baptist Church/ 5144 Massachusetts Ave, Bethesda

Zoning Standard: R-60 Property Owner: Washington Jesus Baptist Church

Description: Remove (6) antennas - (6) Amphenol CWWX063X19X00

Install (6) antennas - (3) JMA MX06FRO660, (3) JMA MX14FRO660

Remove (6) RRHs - (3) Nokia UHBB B13, (3) Nokia UHIC B4

Install (9) RRHs - (3) Samsung B2/B66, (3) Samsung B5/B13, (3) Samsung RT-8808-77A

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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16. Application Number: 2022081919 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 8/16/2022

Revised: 9/16/2022

Applicant: <u>Jacobs Telecommunications on behalf of Verizon Wireless</u> *Site Name/Location:* Avenel Golf Course/ 10010 Oaklyn Dr, Potomac

Zoning Standard: RE-2C Property Owner: WSSC

Description: Install (3) Antennas, (1) OVP, and (1) Hybrid Cable at 127'. Upgrade ground equipment within existing shelter.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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17. Application Number: 2022081921 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 8/17/2022

Revised: 9/7/2022

Applicant: Smartlinkgroup on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: National 4-H Council Bldg/7100 Connecticut Ave, Chevy Chase

Zoning Standard: R-60 Property Owner: CORSO DC LLC

Description: Remove (3) existing antennas - (3) Quintel QS6658-2.

Remove (6) RRHS - (3) Nokia-UHBB B13 RRH 2x40, (3) Nokia- UHIC B4 RRH 2x60-4R Install (3) antennas - (3) COMMSCOPE NNH4S4-65B-R4B-V1.

<u>Install (9) RRHS - (3) Samsung B2/B66A, (3) Samsung B5/B13, (3) Samsung RT-8808-77A</u>

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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18. Application Number: 2022081936 Type: Minor Modification Received (date): 8/30/2022

Revised: 9/2/2022

Applicant: Advantage Engineers on behalf of T-Mobile

Site Name/Location: Takoma Business Center/ 6930 Carroll Ave, Takoma Park
Zoning Standard: CPT 1.5 C. 1.5 P. 0.5 H. 50 Property Owner: Takoma Business (

Zoning Standard: <u>CRT-1.5 C-1.5 R-0.5 H-50 Property Owner: Takoma Business Center</u> LLC

Description: Add (1) 6160 equipment cabinet and other associated equipment on existing rooftop.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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#17: Marjorie Williams noted that this site has a special exception and were notified by the Town of Chevy Chase. The Town requests the applicant notify the BOA of their application and the special exception terms. Michelle Grace asked why this special exception is of particular concern to the Town of Chevy Chase but not others. Shawn Thompson explained that the special exception on this site allows for antennas of a very specific size so they need to be sure that a different antenna is actually acceptable there.

Marjorie Williams explained that it is a required of the telecom companies to go to the Board of Appeals. She clarified that the recommendation language can be changed to instead read "Recommended on the condition the applicant notifies the BOA of their application and that it meets any requirements or modifications of the special exception as approved by the Board of Appeals."

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Michelle Grace made a motion to recommend item 17 on the consent agenda with the revised recommendation. Patricia Wolford seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Regarding the rest of the consent agenda, Marjorie Williams asked if there were any questions concerning the other consent agenda items and there were none. Seamus McNamara made a motion to recommend all other applications on the consent agenda (#1-16, 18). Wayne Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend was unanimously approved.

Regular Agenda

1. Application Number: 2022061840 Type: Colocation Received (date): 6/21/2022

Revised: 9/12/2022

Applicant: Crown Castle Fiber LLC on behalf of T-Mobile

Site Name/Location: PEPCO 799413-820440/ 6494 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park Zoning Standard: CRT-2.25, C-1.5, R-0.75, H-50 Property Owner: Montgomery County Description: Proposed installation of strand node MNG-166 on existing PEPCO pole 799413-820440. Strand Node Equipment to be installed:

-Strand Cable

-Ericsson 6523 semi-integrated panel antenna (1)

-Ericsson Diplex Filter B2+B66/B30 (4-2) Diplexer (2)

- Ericsson 4402 Radio (2)

-Bracket Mount

-Splice Box

-Converter unit (Alpha Model #LPR48-IP68)

-Disconnect Switch (Alpha Model EP0/D-2-PR)

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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Julie Elias summarized the application. Seamus McNamara made a motion to recommend, and Michelle Grace seconded the motion. The motion to recommend was unanimously approved.

2. Application Number: 2022071864 Type: Colocation Received (date): 7/18/2022

Revised: 8/29/2022 Revised: 9/23/2022 Revised: 9/27/2022

Applicant: Crown Castle Fiber LLC on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: <u>Diamondback Pole 10021</u>/ <u>Diamondback Dr & Reprise Dr, Rockville</u> **Zoning Standard:** R-60 **Property Owner:** Montgomery County

Description: Crown Castle is adding (1) new omni antenna on pole top and (1) RRH, meter, load center, and disconnect switch inside an equipment cabinet mounted at the base of a replaced pole.

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Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Not Recommended

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Marjorie Willimas explained that the TFCG had received two applications from Crown Castle to colocate on county-owned light poles. In the course of the review, we noted that the application was submitted as the wrong application type (colocation instead of new – as the light poles would need to be replaced to support the wireless equipment). We informed the applicant and Crown requested the applications be reviewed by the TFCG committee in their current state – as colocations. As such, we do not recommend either of these applications.

Marjorie noted that the existing light pole cannot hold the weight of the wireless equipment and will need to be replaced. The applications were submitted as a Colocation application type but notes further into the application that it will be a replacement structure. DOT submitted a letter to the committee on 9/27 that they reviewed the application and the pole must be replaced to structurally support the weight of the equipment, and as such must come in as a New Tower application. On 9/29, Tower Coordinator notified the applicant of this, and they wanted to move the application forward to the committee and declined to resubmit the application as a new structure at this time.

Dan Sanayi expanded that the existing light poles are not designed for additional weight to be colocated on them and that there are safety concerns. For all metal poles in the County, they would work with the companies to have the existing pole removed and replaced for small cells that are designed to take the weight of the light as well as the communication equipment. The key concern for DOT was that this was submitted as a colocation on an existing pole and that cannot happen.

Shawn Thompson explained that the review process is different for a colocation application versus a new tower application, and that the County has a preference for colocation over building new towers. Part of the new structure review process is reviewing opportunities for colocation in the area. These applications did not go through that review process and so the Tower Coordinator is not recommending the applications.

Michelle Grace asked if the light pole is to be replaced for the communication equipment or might be scheduled to be replaced anyway. Marjorie Williams confirmed that the light pole was only being replaced to accommodate the telecom installation.

Dan Sanayi confirmed that any application to colocate on an existing light pole will be rejected outright. Applications to install a new tower next to existing poles will also be rejected.

Tom Williamson asked if DOT has a pole replacement schedule. Dan Sanayi noted that DOT owns something like 30,000 street lights, and to keep those operational, they have standardized equipment. The existing light pole structures – even when brand new – are not designed to handle the additional load of telecom equipment.

Seamus McNamara noted that it is worth it to use the New Structure review process for these applications, because even if there is a small chance of finding an opportunity to colocate on an

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existing pole, it is worth checking for and is in line with the County's goals. Marjorie Williams noted that the question of what category these be reviewed under should be discussed as far as zoning and other concerns might vary. She noted that these applications must be reviewed within the existing application categories, and that revised executive regulations and zoning are being discussed. Crown Castle has also applied to install two new towers in same area as the colocations on County poles. The County is interested in having telecoms on their poles, they just need to refine the process. Dan Sanayi agreed, noting that for DOT, colocation on a light pole would automatically mean a new pole being installed with new specs to be built to accommodate the additional equipment, meaning it is not a replacement pole but a new pole. The telecom companies want colocation but can't colocate on the existing structures so they have to be replaced, but there is no specific pathway for something needing to be replaced to colocate.

Marjorie Williams noted that these applications must be reviewed within the existing categories. She notes that the second application, 2022071866, is not recommended for the same reason as 2022071866.

Tom Williamson made a motion to not recommend. Seamus McNamara seconds the motion. The motion to not recommend is unanimously approved.

3. Application Number: 2022071866 Type: Colocation Received (date): 7/18/2022

Revised: 8/29/2022 Revised: 9/23/2022 Revised: 9/27/2022

Applicant: Crown Castle Fiber LLC on behalf of Verizon Wireless

Site Name/Location: Decoverly-Skybill Pole 11030/9700 Decoverly

Site Name/Location: Decoverly-Skyhill Pole 11030/9700 Decoverly Drive, Rockville

Zoning Standard: EOF-1.5, H-75 Property Owner: Montgomery County

Description: Crown Castle is adding (1) new omni antenna on pole top and (1) RRH, meter, load center, and disconnect switch inside an equipment cabinet mounted at the base of a replaced pole.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Not Recommended

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Marjorie Williams notes that application 2022071866 is not recommended for the same reasons as application 2022071864.

1866 Seamus McNamara makes a motion to not recommend the application. Tom Williamson seconds the motion, and the motion to not recommend is unanimously approved.

4. Application Number: 2022071881 Type: Colocation Received (date): 7/28/2022

Revised: 9/22/2022 *Revised:* 9/26/2022

Applicant: MasTec Network Solutions on behalf of Verizon Wireless

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Site Name/Location: Pepco 162-S/ 1400 Ashton Rd., Ashton

Zoning Standard: RC Property Owner: Pepco

Description: Collocate 6 antennas on a proposed Powermount Assemply supported by the Existing 133' Pepco Lattice tower with a RAD center of 142', install 6 RRHs and associated cabling and accessories. Install new 10'x3' concrete equipment bad at grade.

Tower Coordinator Recommendation: Recommended. Recommendation is subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

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Julie Elias summarized the application. She noted that the TFCG considered and recommended a similar application from Verizon Wireless in March 2014, but that the antennas were never attached.

Michelle Grace asked if this site has existing telecom colocated, and Julie confirmed that it does not.

Seamus McNamara made a motion to recommend the application. Wayne Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion to recommend was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next TFCG meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2022, at 2 p.m.