

**HUNTINGTON BEACH  
OFFICE OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**TO:** Zoning Administrator  
**FROM:** Andrew Gonzales, Associate Planner  
**DATE:** July 21, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2010-018 (ATLANTA CLEARWIRE WIRELESS FACILITY)**  
**LOCATION:** 10120 Atlanta Avenue, 92646 (south of Atlanta Avenue, east of Galbar Circle)

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**Applicant:** John Moreland, Core Communications Group, 2903 Saturn Street, Suite H, Brea, CA 92821

**Property Owner:** Southern California Edison, c/o Scott Haney, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Building 2B1, Irwindale, CA 91706

**Request:** To permit the collocation of six (6) panel antennas, three (3) parabolic antennas, and one (1) GPS antenna located on an existing SCE transmission tower at an overall height of 50 ft. The support equipment will be located at the base of the tower within a 6 ft. high block wall enclosure.

**Environmental Status:** This request is covered by Categorical Exemption, Section 15301, Class 1, California Environmental Quality Act.

**Zone:** RA (Residential Agriculture)

**General Plan:** P (Public)

**Existing Use:** Southern California Edison (SCE) right-of-way

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the proposed project based upon the following findings:

**SUGGESTED FINDINGS FOR PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM CEQA:**

The Zoning Administrator finds that the project will not have any significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, because the project consists of the minor alteration of an existing structure, involving no expansion of an existing Southern California Edison (SCE) transmission tower.

## **SUGGESTED FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2010-018:**

1. Conditional Use Permit No. 2010-018 for the installation of new wireless communication antennas mounted to an existing SCE transmission tower at an overall height of 50 ft. will not be detrimental to the general welfare of persons working or residing in the vicinity or detrimental to the value of the property and improvements in the neighborhood. The project consists of affixing six (6) panel antennas, three (3) parabolic antennas, and one (1) GPS antenna on an approximately 121 ft. high existing transmission tower on an unimproved lot. All associated equipment will be sited at-grade within a proposed 144 sq. ft. enclosure located at the base of the tower. The wireless facility will be located approximately 100 ft. from the nearest adjacent residential use. The installation of the antennas will assist in filling a gap in coverage not already served by other similar facilities in the area. The project will not generate noise, traffic, or a demand upon parking above levels which exist on the subject site. The requested height assists in enhancing wireless communications in the community by improving signal transmission and reception in the project vicinity.
2. The conditional use permit will be compatible with surrounding uses because the wireless communication facility will be located on an existing SCE transmission tower, within an existing SCE right-of-way. As conditioned, the antennas are required to be painted to match the structural members of the tower with at-grade support equipment located within a fully enclosed and roofed structure so as to be entirely screened from public view. The wireless antennas and equipment shall match an existing wireless facility located on an adjacent transmission tower.
3. The proposed conditional use permit will comply with the provisions of the base district and other applicable provisions in Titles 20-25 of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, including the provisions of HBZSO Section 230.96 – Wireless Communications Facilities. Wireless antennas are permitted to exceed the maximum 35 ft. height limit within the RA (Residential Agriculture) zoning district with the approval of a conditional use permit.
4. The granting of the conditional use permit will not adversely affect the General Plan. It is consistent with the Land Use Element designation of P (Public) on the subject property. In addition, it is consistent with the following goals and policies of the General Plan:

### A. Land Use Element

Goal – LU 2: Ensure that development is adequately served by transportation infrastructure, utility infrastructure, and public services.

Policy LU 2.1.1: Plan and construct public infrastructure and service improvements as demand necessitates to support the land uses specified in the Land Use Plan (as defined in the Circulation and Public Utilities and Services Elements of the General Plan).

### B. Utility Element

Policy U 5.1: Ensure that adequate natural gas, telecommunication and electrical systems are provided.

Policy U 5.1.1: Continue to work with service providers to maintain current levels of service and facilitate improved levels of service.

The proposed facility will enhance wireless communications in the community by improving signal transmission and reception in the project vicinity. In addition, the installation and integration of antennas within the architecture of an existing SCE transmission tower, including the screening of all applicable support equipment within a roofed enclosure, will assist in minimizing the project's visual impact. The proposed facility is necessary to provide new radio frequency coverage in the surrounding area.

**SUGGESTED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2010-018:**

1. The site plan and elevations received and dated May 11, 2010, shall be the conceptually approved design with the following modifications:
  - a. The proposed 6 ft. high block wall equipment enclosure shall be provided with a mansard roof along the perimeter of the enclosure which includes an opening at the center to provide ventilation for equipment inside. (DRB)
  - b. Any access gate for the equipment enclosure shall be of a solid material and painted to match the decorative block wall. (DRB)
  - c. All antennas and associated wireless equipment affixed to the SCE transmission tower shall be painted to match the color of the tower's support members. (DRB)
  - d. Depict the location of all gas meters, water meters, electrical panels, air conditioning units, mailboxes (as approved by the United States Postal Service), and similar items on the site plan and elevations. If located on a building, they shall be architecturally integrated with the design of the building, non-obtrusive, not interfere with sidewalk areas and comply with required setbacks.
  
2. Prior to submittal for building permits, the following shall be completed:
  - a. One set of project plans, revised pursuant to Condition of Approval No. 1, shall be submitted for review, approval and inclusion in the entitlement file, to the Planning Department.
  - b. Zoning entitlement conditions of approval, code requirements identified herein and code requirements identified in separately transmitted memorandum from the Departments of Fire and Public Works shall be printed verbatim on one of the first three pages of all the working drawing sets used for issuance of building permits (architectural, structural, electrical, mechanical and plumbing) and shall be referenced in the sheet index. The minimum font size utilized for printed text shall be 12 point.
  
3. Prior to issuance of building permits, the following shall be completed:
  - a. Contractor shall call Dig-Alert prior to any trenching (**PW**).
  - b. The proposed wireless facility shall obtain its electrical feed from SCE independently (**PW**).
  - c. An encroachment permit is necessary for any work performed within the public right-of-way (**PW**).

4. During demolition, grading, site development, and/or construction, the following shall be adhered to:
  - a. Construction equipment shall be maintained in peak operating condition to reduce emissions.
  - b. Use low sulfur (0.5%) fuel by weight for construction equipment.
  - c. Truck idling shall be prohibited for periods longer than 10 minutes.
  - d. Attempt to phase and schedule activities to avoid high ozone days first stage smog alerts.
  - e. Discontinue operation during second stage smog alerts.
  - f. Ensure clearly visible signs are posted on the perimeter of the site identifying the name and phone number of a field supervisor to contact for information regarding the development and any construction/ grading activity.
5. Final building permit(s) cannot be approved until the following has been completed:
  - a. All improvements must be completed in accordance with approved plans, except as provided for by conditions of approval.
  - b. Compliance with all conditions of approval specified herein shall be verified by the Planning Department.
  - c. All building spoils, such as unusable lumber, wire, pipe, and other surplus or unusable material, shall be disposed of at an off-site facility equipped to handle them
6. Incorporating sustainable or "green" building practices into the design of the proposed structures and associated site improvements is highly encouraged. Sustainable building practices may include (but are not limited to) those recommended by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Program certification (<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CategoryID=19>) or Build It Green's Green Building Guidelines and Rating Systems (<http://www.builditgreen.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=guidelines>).

**INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS CONDITION:**

The owner of the property which is the subject of this project and the project applicant if different from the property owner, and each of their heirs, successors and assigns, shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Huntington Beach and its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action or proceedings, liability cost, including attorney's fees and costs against the City or its agents, officers or employees, to attack, set aside, void or annul any approval of the City, including but not limited to any approval granted by the City Council, Planning Commission, or Design Review Board concerning this project. The City shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding and should cooperate fully in the defense thereof.