

Tax Map/Block/Parcel
No. 76-5-241

Building Permit/Zoning
Certificate No. 95-3975

Case 4076

OFFICIAL DECISION
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPLICANT: GE American Communications, Inc.
Four Research Way
Princeton, New Jersey 08540-6684

REQUEST: A conditional use to expand the Earth Station and Satellite Telemetry Tracking and Control operations by the addition of two 9.0 meter antennas and related improvements and support equipment; and alternatively, a request to enlarge the existing nonconforming use by adding said antennas and equipment; or, an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to refer the matter to the Board contrary to authorization of the conditional use in Case 1787

LOCATION: 2323 Grimville Road in Election District 14

BASIS: Article 4, Section 4.11; Article 4, Section 4.3(a)(1); Article 17, Section 17.4; Ordinance 1E (The Carroll County Zoning Ordinance)

HEARING HELD: February 2, 1996

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

The application, testimony and evidence comprising the record of this case are hereby included by reference in this decision. Based on the record and in accordance with the state Open Meetings Act, the Board authorized enlargement of facility, which is classified as a nonconforming use. The conditional use request is not applicable due to amendment of the zoning ordinance, and the appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision is moot.

The pertinent findings determining the Board's decision include the facts that the satellite microwave communications facility, including future enlargement of the antenna field, was authorized March 22, 1982 in Case 1787. At that time, communication facilities not classified as essential utility equipment were allowed as conditional uses in the "A" Agricultural District. The provisions were deleted with amendment of zoning ordinance. The two antenna and equipment building now proposed at this location are necessary to communicate with two new satellites. The improvements will not require significant enlargement of the premises, and there is no evidence that the enlargement will unduly affect residents of adjacent properties, the values of those properties, or public interests.

2/12/96

Date

Karl V. Reichlin
Karl V. Reichlin, Chairman