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TV Tower Rezoning Delay Requested

Pinnacle Towers Inc. today requested a continuance of its rezoning application to build a multi-use telecommunications site atop Eldorado Mountain in northern Jefferson County. The first hearing before the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 10, 2001. The Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department staff recommended approval of the continuance request. Pinnacle's request for a continuance also included a request that the modified rezoning application, once received and reviewed by county planning and zoning staff, not be sent back to the Planning Commission but, rather be expedited directly to the Board of County Commissioners.

The applicant, Pinnacle Towers Inc. headquartered in Sarasota, Fla., had submitted rezoning plans to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission for expansion of an existing 40 acre site on top of Eldorado Mountain to accommodate up to three 450-foot tall broadcast towers. The towers would be multi-use and could include high-definition, analog television as well as FM radio. The rezoning would also allow the construction and expansion of transmission and ancillary facilities.

After lengthy hearings, the seven-member Planning Commission unanimously voted for denial of the case on Nov. 7. The three-member Jefferson County Board of Commissioners has final authority to approve or deny the rezoning request.

Acting County Administrator Dan Brindle said, "The Board's normal procedure is to grant a continuance if the applicant requests one, unless there are unusual circumstances or our staff advises otherwise. At this juncture I do not see why the Board would vote against allowing Pinnacle's continuance request on Monday night. Pinnacle's request for an expedited review process will be determined by the Board of County Commissioners but, I can say from my perspective it would be unusual for them to grant such a request."

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The Board will consider the request for a continuance at 6 p.m., Dec. 10, in Hearing Room One of the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden. The Pinnacle Towers Inc. case is the only item on the agenda.