

Big Week Ahead for C-Band, TMUS/S/DISH. Plus Quick Follow-Ups on DirecTV/DISH and POTUS/FCC Chair Lunch

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In this weekend update we explain why you can probably skip this one but you will definitely want to read next week's.[fnote]Both our marketing and data analytics department hated this opening line but we always go with honesty as being the best policy. And we know that not all weeks have the same significance. So really, particularly given the confluence of baseball playoffs, football, and the totally bizarre combination of greatest Elmore Leonard novel ever and a bizzaro version of Lawrence of Arabia engulfing DC, if you want to skip an update, skip this one[/fnote] On the C-Band front, a hearing Thursday, and the likely lead up, will provide the clearest public information about the points of view of Chairman Pai and an important critic, Senator Kennedy. On the TMUS/S/DISH litigation front, we will likely finally see the FCC order, providing our best view of the strength of the pro-deal arguments. On both fronts, we analyze news that emerge last week, including confirmation of the FCC coming together on at least 300 MHz, thoughts on the impact of individual state moves on the wireless merger, the ruling by the trial judge on Trump's taxes, and some Tunney Act filings. We also provide quick thoughts on the continuing rumors on a DISH/DirecTV tie up and the "family" lunch between President Trump and Chairman Pai.

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