

## C-band and TMUS/S/DISH: Top Q's & A's on Hearings, Filings, Tweets, Etc.

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In this weekend update, we answer the top questions we received this week on developments affecting the Cband policy and the TMUS/S/DISH transactions. On C-band, there were several important filings on the amount of spectrum and principles for an auction that help improve CBA's prospects for a successful outcome at the FCC's December meeting. A House hearing, however, raised the prospect of bipartisan legislation opposing the CBA plan. Moreover, an extensive ex parte by AT&T raised the prospect that neither CBA nor the FCC are in a position to act quickly, as AT&T noted a number of details that it argues need to be revealed and subject to public comment that are not yet in the record. We also speculate — because in this case speculation is the only approach — on what might have transpired between Senator Kennedy and the President on the C-band policy. On the big mobile deal, we didn't see anything that we moved the odds, but we answer questions about the FCC order, the Sprint Lifeline investigation, the California PUC process, and a canceled conference between the parties and the Magistrate. We close with a brief meditation on another Gasparino tweet, that is informative about where things are headed, but probably not in the way he intended.

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