

# DISH: Can they sell their licenses without the FCC claiming the government has a right to the proceeds?

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*This week we were often asked whether DISH would be able to sell their spectrum licenses, like broadcasters and mobile carriers do all the time, with little FCC objection or process and no sharing of proceeds with the government,[fnote]Other than, of course, taxes.[/fnote] or would such a sales effort to sell trigger the FCC to claim that the proceeds should largely go to the government. In this note, we detail why we think it is clearly the first.*

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