

TMUS/S/DISH: Impact of Legere News and Preliminary Rulings on Counsel and Discovery; Plus, Presidential Involvement: A Blessing or a Curse?

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In another busy week, we have already published notes on C-Band (<u>LINK</u>) and legal issues relating to DISH's licenses (<u>LINK</u>). In this note, we focus on last week's developments on the upcoming trial about the big wireless merger. We discuss why John Legere's upcoming resignation incrementally undercuts his credibility as a witness, how the DOJ's surprising motion, and unsurprising loss, to disqualify the states' outside counsel reflects Delrahim's nervousness about the trial and incrementally undercuts the companies' argument that the court should defer to the DOJ's judgement, and why it might be that discovery issues focus on DT/TMUS communications. We also provide a mediation on Presidential involvement in our sector, prompted by his impact on the C-Band process and his suggestion that Apple should help with America's deployment of 5G networks. Finally, we plan on being off the coming week (and would be very thankful if the fates make that possible) but want to wish all our readers a wonderful Thanksgiving Day holiday.

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