
CBA Files Voluntary Contribution Proposal

Issue: Today, the C-Band Alliance (CBA) [filed](#) a proposal detailing its commitment to contribute a portion of the proceeds from a private auction of the C-band spectrum to the U.S. Treasury.

Impact: The proposal would send between 30-75% of proceeds to the Treasury, determined by a progressive formula. The CBA also said, “*If the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) acts in December to adopt the CBA proposal, the CBA commits to commence the auction in the first three months of 2020*” and indicated that it is working in “*good faith*” with lawmakers to use auction proceeds to fund rural broadband.

This CBA proposal represents a step to narrow the differences between various stakeholders as the FCC considers how to proceed with an auction to free up spectrum for 5G development. However, it will likely catalyze further negotiations between stakeholders and the FCC which will take more time to conclude. ACG Analytics believes that it will not have a material impact on short-term decision-making at the FCC.

Next Steps: Sen. Kennedy (R-LA) announced that the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services & General Government, of which he is Chairman, will hold a [hearing](#) on FCC spectrum auctions on November 21st. The hearing will feature testimony from the FCC’s Chief of the Office of Engineering and Technology and the Acting Chief of the Office of Economics and Analytics.

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