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## Eutelsat Open to 50/50 Auction Split

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**Issue:** In a [letter](#) posted yesterday in connection with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) deliberations, Eutelsat, a former member of the C-Band Alliance (CBA), broadly signaled its support for the CBA auction proposal of the 3700-4200 MHz C-Band spectrum. However, Eutelsat indicated that it would accept up to a 50/50 split of remaining auction proceedings with the U.S. Treasury after relocation costs for earth-stations are covered.

**Impact:** ACG Analytics has argued that the FCC is likely to mandate a larger contribution to the U.S. Treasury than is currently being discussed. Now that Eutelsat has indicated that a 50% contribution to the Treasury would be acceptable, it will be difficult for the CBA to push for a much lower number.

**Next Steps:** FCC Chairman Pai has helped create an expectation that the FCC would show progress on the C-Band auction this fall. However, last week he appeared undecided about the path forwards at a hearing before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services & General Government.

Pai reiterated his goals for the auction:

- a large amount of spectrum;
- completing the process expeditiously; and
- revenue for the government.

It is unlikely that the FCC will make enough progress to announce comprehensive auction details within the next 2 months.

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