

## MTS Faces \$80M Claim

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Mobile TeleSystems said 16 regional antitrust divisions in Uzbekistan are claiming a total of more than \$80 million from its local unit after hearings on Aug. 6 and 7.

MTS plans to challenge the decisions, saying they're groundless, the operator said Wednesday in an e-mailed statement.

Each of the 16 Uzbek antitrust authorities refused the MTS unit's request to delay the hearings, according to the statement.

Uzbekistan prolonged a suspension of the MTS unit's license for three months effective July 30.

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