

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 30, 2016

ECHOSTAR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-33807

(Commission File Number)

26-1232727

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

100 INVERNESS TERRACE E.

ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO

(Address of principal executive offices)

80112

(Zip Code)

(303) 706-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

HUGHES SATELLITE SYSTEMS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COLORADO

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

333-179121

(Commission File Number)

45-0897865

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective September 30, 2016, the Board of Directors of EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”) appointed Mr. David J. Rayner as Chief Operating Officer in addition to his current positions of Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and Mr. Anders N. Johnson as Chief Strategy Officer in addition to his current position of President of EchoStar Satellite Services L.L.C.

Mr. Rayner, age 59, has served as EchoStar’s Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since December 2012. From November 2011 to November 2012, Mr. Rayner served as Chief Financial Officer of Tendril Networks, Inc., a Boulder, Colorado software company. Mr. Rayner served as EchoStar’s Chief Financial Officer from June 2010 to November 2011 and served as EchoStar’s Chief Administrative Officer from January 2008 to June 2010. Prior to that, Mr. Rayner served as Executive Vice President of Installation and Service Networks of DISH Network Corporation and had previously held the position of Chief Financial Officer of DISH Network Corporation from December 2004 to September 2006. Before joining DISH Network Corporation in December 2004, Mr. Rayner served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Time Warner Telecom in Denver, beginning in June 1998.

Mr. Johnson, age 59, has served as President of EchoStar Satellite Services L.L.C. since June 2011. Mr. Johnson was previously at SES World Skies where he served as Senior Vice President of Strategic Satellite Development. Mr. Johnson joined SES GLOBAL after the combination of GE Americom and SES GLOBAL in 2001. Prior to SES GLOBAL, Mr. Johnson worked at GE Capital beginning in 1985 in a variety of executive level roles in Satellite Services, Aviation Services, and Transportation & Industrial Financing.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ECHOSTAR CORPORATION

HUGHES SATELLITE SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Date: October 3, 2016

By: /s/ Dean A. Manson

Dean A. Manson
Executive Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary