
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): February 17, 2006

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

NEVADA

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-26176

(Commission
File Number)

88-0336997

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.

ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO

(Address of principal executive offices)

80112

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(303) 723-1000

ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

COLORADO

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

333-31929

(Commission
File Number)

84-1328967

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.

ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO

(Address of principal executive offices)

80112

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(303) 723-1000

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ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On February 17, 2006, EchoStar Communications Corporation confirmed in its Press Release “EchoStar Completes Early Redemption of 9 1/8% Senior Notes” that effective February 17, 2006, its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, completed the previously announced optional redemption of all of its outstanding 9 1/8% Senior Notes due 2009.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits:

- 99.1 Press Release “EchoStar Completes Early Redemption of 9 1/8% Senior Notes” dated February 17, 2006.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Dated: February 17, 2006

By: /s/ David J. Rayner
David J. Rayner
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release “EchoStar Completes Early Redemption of 9 1/8 Percent Senior Notes” dated February 17, 2006.

ECHOSTAR COMPLETES EARLY REDEMPTION OF 9 1/8 PERCENT SENIOR NOTES

Englewood, Colo., Feb. 17, 2006 — EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq: DISH) confirmed that effective Feb. 17, 2006, its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, completed the previously announced redemption of all of its outstanding 9 1/8 percent Senior Notes due 2009. In accordance with the terms of the indenture governing the notes, the outstanding principal amount of approximately \$442 million was repurchased at 104.563 percent, for a total of approximately \$462 million.

About EchoStar Communications

EchoStar Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: DISH) serves over 12 million satellite TV customers through its DISH Network[®], and is a leading U.S. provider of advanced digital television services. DISH Network's services include hundreds of video and audio channels, Interactive TV, HDTV, sports and international programming, together with professional installation and 24-hour customer service. DISH Network is the leader in the sale of digital video recorders (DVRs). EchoStar has been a leader for 25 years in digital satellite TV equipment sales and support worldwide. EchoStar is included in the Nasdaq-100 Index (NDX) and is a Fortune 500 company. Visit EchoStar's Web site at [≤www.echostar.com>](http://www.echostar.com) or call 1-800-333-DISH (3474).

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