

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): December 1, 2022

**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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A common stock, \$0.001 par value	SATS	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

On December 1, 2022, EchoStar Corporation (the “Company”) announced that Pradman P. Kaul will retire from his positions as President of Hughes Communications, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (“Hughes Communications”) and as President of Hughes Network Systems, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hughes Communications, effective as of the close of business on December 31, 2022. Mr. Kaul will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company. The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. Kaul to serve as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors effective January 1, 2023. Mr. Kaul will be paid an annual cash retainer of \$120,000 for his service as Vice Chair, and will otherwise be eligible to receive the same compensation as is paid to the Company’s non-employee directors.

Also on December 1, 2022, the Company announced that Paul Gaske, the Executive Vice President and General Manager of the North American Division of Hughes Network Systems, LLC, has been appointed to the role of Chief Operating Officer of the Company effective January 1, 2023, and will report to the Company’s Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Gaske, age 68, has served in his current position since 1999. In his current role, he is responsible for HughesNet®, the company’s flagship satellite Internet service; the Company’s managed network services for enterprise customers; the in-flight broadband business; the Company’s defense and intelligence business; and numerous SATCOM services. Mr. Gaske also oversees Hughes manufacturing.

A copy of the press release announcing these matters is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	<a href="#">EchoStar Corporation Press Release dated December 1, 2022.</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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**SIGNATURES**

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

ECHOSTAR CORPORATION

Date: December 1, 2022

By: /s/ Dean A. Manson  
Dean A. Manson  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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## News Release

**Pradman Kaul, President of Hughes Network Systems, to Retire at Year End**  
*Kaul Leaves an Indelible Imprint on the Satellite Industry, Global Connectivity*

**Germantown, MD, December 1, 2022**—EchoStar Corporation (Nasdaq: SATS) today announced that Pradman Kaul, president of Hughes Network Systems, an EchoStar company, has decided to retire at the end of this year. On January 1, 2023, Paul Gaske will assume the role of Chief Operating Officer, succeeding Mr. Kaul and reporting to Hamid Akhavan, CEO of EchoStar.

Mr. Kaul said: “There is no industry like the satellite sector, combining space and rocketry with down-to-Earth solutions that meet an essential need for connectivity. And there is no team like the Hughes team, so committed to excellence, innovation and changing people’s lives for the better. Having the privilege to be part of both is about as good as it gets for an engineer. With Paul and Hamid at the helm, I know the company will continue to blaze new paths in connecting people, enterprises and things.”

“Pradman has been a visionary, an inspirational leader and an extraordinary steward of engineering excellence,” said Mr. Akhavan. “He leaves a legacy of innovation and collaboration that sets us apart as an employer, a service provider and a partner to customers worldwide.”

Upon his retirement, Mr. Kaul will continue to serve on the Board of Directors of EchoStar and will be appointed its Vice Chairman. He joined the company in 1973 as its tenth employee and has been a force in the satellite industry since then, assuming the role of President of Hughes in 2000. Industry ‘firsts’ commercialized under Mr. Kaul’s leadership include: the first broadband satellite network; the first commercial satellite implementation for a national retailer; the first satellite internet service; and the first multipath satellite-plus-wireless service for consumers.

Mr. Kaul emigrated to the U.S. from India when he was 17 years old. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.

Mr. Kaul’s many accolades include: “Distinguished Engineering Alumnus” of the University of California, Berkeley (1999); the IEEE Third Millennium medal in 2000; induction into the National Academy of Engineering (2004); recognition as a “Distinguished Alumnus” by George Washington University (2005); “Satellite Executive of the Year 2008” by *Via Satellite* magazine; induction into the Society of Space & Satellite Professionals Hall of Fame (SSPI) in 2009; Arthur C. Clarke Foundation 2012 Innovator Award; Lifetime Achievement Award by COMSYS for visionary leadership and contributions to the satellite industry; induction into the George Washington University Hall of Fame (2014); “Lifetime Achievement” award by *Via Satellite* magazine (2014); and most recently, the AIAA Award for Aerospace Communications in 2021.

Mr. Kaul holds several patents and is widely published in the areas of technology, engineering and satellite communications.

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## About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), an innovator in satellite and multi-transport technologies and networks for 50 years, provides broadband equipment and services; managed services featuring smart, software-defined networking; and end-to-end network operation for millions of consumers, businesses, governments and communities worldwide. The Hughes flagship Internet service, HughesNet<sup>®</sup>, connects millions of people across the Americas, and the Hughes JUPITER<sup>™</sup> System powers Internet access for tens of millions more worldwide. Hughes supplies more than half the global satellite terminal market to leading satellite operators, in-flight service providers, mobile network operators and military customers. A managed network services provider, Hughes supports nearly 500,000 enterprise sites with its HughesON<sup>™</sup> portfolio of wired and wireless solutions. Headquartered in Germantown, Maryland, USA, Hughes is owned by EchoStar. To learn more, visit [www.hughes.com](http://www.hughes.com) or follow HughesConnects on Twitter and LinkedIn.

## About EchoStar

EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS) is a premier global provider of satellite communication solutions. Headquartered in Englewood, Colo., and conducting business around the globe, EchoStar is a pioneer in secure communications technologies through its Hughes Network Systems and EchoStar Satellite Services business segments. For more information, visit [www.echostar.com](http://www.echostar.com). Follow [@EchoStar](https://twitter.com/EchoStar) on Twitter.

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