

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 1, 2004

EHOSTAR 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.)
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9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO (Address of principal executive offices)	80112 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 723-1000

EHOSTAR 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.)
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On February 2, 2004, EchoStar Communications Corporation confirmed in its Press Release “EchoStar Completes Early Redemption of 9 3/8 Percent Senior Notes” that effective February 1, 2004, its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, completed the previously announced optional redemption of all of its outstanding 9 3/8% Senior Notes due 2009.

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

By: /s/ Michael R. McDonnell

Michael R. McDonnell
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 2, 2004

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Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release “EchoStar Completes Early Redemption of 9 3/8 Percent Senior Notes” dated February 2, 2004.

**ECHOSTAR COMPLETES EARLY REDEMPTION OF
9 3/8 PERCENT SENIOR NOTES**

ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Feb. 2, 2004 — EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq: DISH) confirmed that effective Feb. 1, 2004, its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, completed the previously announced optional redemption of all its outstanding 9 3/8 percent Senior Notes due 2009.

About EchoStar Communications

EchoStar Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: DISH) serves over 9 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 23 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> or call 1-800-333-DISH (3474).

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