
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): November 17, 2009

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)

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

On November 18, 2009, EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”) issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Michael T. Dugan as President and Chief Executive Officer of EchoStar, effective November 17, 2009, succeeding Mr. Charles W. Ergen, who will remain in his role of Chairman of EchoStar’s Board of Directors.

Mr. Dugan, age 60, serves as a member of EchoStar’s Board of Directors. Mr. Dugan also served as a senior advisor to EchoStar since the spin-off of EchoStar from DISH Network Corporation (“DISH Network”) on January 1, 2008. From May 2004 to December 2007, he was a Director of DISH Network, and served DISH Network alternately as Chief Technical Officer and senior advisor from time to time. Mr. Dugan also served as a Director of DISH Network from May 2002 until May 2003. From April 2000 to May 2004, he was President and Chief Operating Officer of DISH Network. Prior to that time, Mr. Dugan held various positions with DISH Network and its subsidiaries commencing in 1990.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release “EchoStar Corporation Names Michael Dugan President and CEO”

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: November 18, 2009

By: /s/ R. Stanton Dodge
R. Stanton Dodge
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

ECHOSTAR CORPORATION NAMES MICHAEL DUGAN PRESIDENT AND CEO

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Nov. 18, 2009 — EchoStar Corporation (Nasdaq: SATS) announced today that Michael T. Dugan has been named the company's president and CEO, positions formerly held by Charles Ergen. Mr. Ergen will remain chairman of EchoStar Corporation.

Mr. Dugan currently serves on the board of directors for EchoStar and previously served in several executive roles, including president and chief operating officer, at the combined company from 1990-2004 prior to EchoStar's spinoff from DISH Network Corporation in January 2008.

"Mike was the chief architect behind the technological foundation for EchoStar and DISH Network, and I am pleased to welcome him back into the company he helped build," said Mr. Ergen. "Having Mike on board, along with the current executive management, establishes a highly seasoned team for leading EchoStar's endeavors in deploying advanced set-top box technologies and delivering satellite services worldwide."

Mr. Dugan began his EchoStar career as vice president of engineering for the subsidiary that later became EchoStar Technologies L.L.C.

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About EchoStar Corporation

EchoStar Corporation (Nasdaq: SATS) provides equipment sales, digital broadcast operations, and satellite services that enhance today's digital TV lifestyle, including products from Sling Media, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary. Headquartered in Englewood, Colo., EchoStar has 25 years of experience designing, developing and distributing award-winning television set-top boxes and related products for pay television providers and is creating hardware and service solutions for cable, telco, IPTV and satellite TV companies. EchoStar includes a network of 10 digital broadcast centers and leased fiber optic capacity with points of presence in approximately 160 U.S. cities. EchoStar also delivers satellite services through nine satellites and related FCC licenses. Visit www.echostar.com.

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