
**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): June 20, 2005

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its 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)

(303) 723-1000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COLORADO
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

333-31929
(Commission File Number)

84-1328967
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Appointment of Principal Officers.

On June 20, 2005, EchoStar Communications Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Michael A. Neuman as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company and the appointment of Mr. Carl E. Vogel to the newly-created position of Vice Chairman of the Company.

Mr. Neuman, aged 50, served from 2002 until 2005 as President of Bell Mobility, a Canadian provider of wireless services with approximately five million customers. Prior to joining Bell Mobility, Mr. Neuman served as President of several companies including Bell ExpressVu, a provider of satellite television services in Canada.

Mr. Vogel, aged 47, joined our Board of Directors on May 6, 2005, and will continue as a board member in addition to his new management role. From 2001 until 2005, Mr. Vogel was President and CEO of Charter Communications Inc., a publicly-traded company providing cable television and broadband services to approximately six million customers. Prior to joining Charter, Mr. Vogel worked as an executive officer in various capacities for companies affiliated with Liberty Media Corporation. Mr. Vogel was one of our executive officers from 1994 until 1997, including serving as our President from 1995 until 1997.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) *Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.*

Not applicable.

(b) *Pro Forma Financial Information.*

Not applicable.

(c) *Exhibits.*

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release “EchoStar Names New President, Vice Chairman.”

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.

EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
EHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

Date: June 20, 2005

By: /s/ David K. Moskowitz
David K. Moskowitz
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release "EchoStar Names New President, Vice Chairman." |

EchoStar Names New President, Vice Chairman

Neuman, Vogel to Assume Key Duties at Satellite TV Company

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (June 20, 2005) — EchoStar Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: DISH) announced today that it has appointed Michael A. Neuman as president and chief operating officer, overseeing day-to-day operations. The Company today also appointed board member Carl Vogel as vice chairman. He will focus his efforts on financial and strategic initiatives as a full-time employee of the Company.

Neuman, most recently the president of Bell Canada Enterprises subsidiary Bell Mobility, fills a post that had been vacant for more than a year. He led Canada's leading wireless carrier to its most profitable growth in its 19-year history. He was with Bell Mobility for three years and previously served as president of Bell ExpressVu Satellite Television, WorldLinx Telecommunications and Cerberus Canada.

"I am excited about joining the company that has been such an innovator in the pay-TV industry," Neuman said; "and I look forward to the role I can play in advancing EchoStar's push into some dynamic new products and services."

Vogel joined EchoStar's board of directors in May. Most recently, he was president and chief executive officer of Charter Communications, a Fortune 500 company. Prior to joining Charter, Vogel held various senior executive positions with companies affiliated with Liberty Media Corporation and was responsible for portfolio investments in subscription television, content distribution, broadband, telecommunications and satellite sectors worldwide. He was also chairman and CEO of Primestar and CEO of Star Choice until each company was sold or merged with other satellite operators.

Vogel, who was EchoStar's president from 1994 to 1997, was a key member of the executive team that created DISH Network.

"EchoStar's combination of energy and entrepreneurialism gives it a unique place in the media industry and I'm thrilled to be back," said Vogel. "EchoStar has built a significant business and an excellent relationship with its customers providing a platform and a balance sheet to participate in a number of new opportunities for an expansion of its business that would add value to our customers and shareholders."

EchoStar Chairman and CEO Charles Ergen said the Company is delighted to acquire the services of both executives at such a competitive time in the industry.

"We are fortunate Carl and Michael have joined the EchoStar team," said Ergen. "Their knowledge of the industry and managerial talent will strengthen our Company and position it for continued success."

About EchoStar Communications

EchoStar Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: DISH) serves more than 11.2 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. EchoStar has been a leader for 25 years in 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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