

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): September 25, 2000

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.)
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5701 S. SANTA FE DRIVE LITTLETON, COLORADO (Address of principal executive offices)	80120 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 723-1000

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar") announced on September 25, 2000, that its wholly owned subsidiary, EchoStar Broadband Corporation, increased its previously announced offering of Senior Notes due 2007 from \$600 million to \$1 billion, and that the offering closed September 25, 2000. The notes will bear interest at an annual rate of 10 3/8% and will mature on October 1, 2007.

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: September 25, 2000

By: /s/ David K. Moskowitz

David K. Moskowitz,
Senior Vice President and General
Counsel

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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99.1	Press Release, dated September 25, 2000, issued by EchoStar announcing increase and completion of 144A Senior Notes offering by EchoStar Broadband Corporation.

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION ANNOUNCES THE INCREASE AND COMPLETION OF THE 144A SENIOR NOTES OFFERING BY ECHOSTAR BROADBAND CORPORATION

LITTLETON, Colo.--Sept. 25, 2000--EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq: DISH, DISHP) today announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, EchoStar Broadband Corporation, increased its previously announced offering of Senior Notes due 2007 from \$600 million to \$1 billion, and that the offering closed September 25, 2000. The notes will bear interest at an annual rate of 10 3/8% and will mature on October 1, 2007. The net proceeds of the offering are expected to be used to fund capital expenditures in connection with the construction, launch, and insurance of additional satellites or for other general corporate purposes (including potential strategic acquisitions).

DISH Network is EchoStar's state-of-the-art direct broadcast satellite system with the capacity to offer customers 500 channels of digital video and CD-quality audio programming as well as fully MPEG-2/DVB compliant hardware and installation. DISH Network, a trademark of EchoStar Communications Corporation, currently serves over 4.3 million customers nationwide. EchoStar is included in the Nasdaq-100 Index (NDX) which contains the largest non-financial companies on the Nasdaq Stock Market. For more information, contact 1-800-333-DISH (3474) or visit www.dishnetwork.com.

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