SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 14, 2001

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.)

5701 S. SANTA FE DRIVE LITTLETON, COLORADO (Address of principal executive offices)

80120 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(303) 723-1000

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On June 13, 2001, the Board of Directors of EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar") unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Peter Dea to its Board of Directors.

Mr. Dea is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Barrett Resources Corporation ("Barrett"). He has held various positions with Barrett since 1993. Mr. Dea was President of Nautilus Oil and Gas from 1991-1992.

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: June 14, 2001

By: /s/ Michael R. McDonnell

Michael R. McDonnell, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer