
**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): March 14, 2006

EHOSTAR 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)

EHOSTAR 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.)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

2006 Cash Incentive Plan

EchoStar Communications Corporation (“EchoStar”) established a 2006 Cash Incentive Plan for key employees on January 21, 2006, to provide cash awards tied to achievement of specified 2006 business goals. Effective March 14, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of EchoStar expanded participation in the 2006 Cash Incentive Plan to include our Chief Executive Officer, Charles W. Ergen, and other senior executives. The maximum amount payable to any participant under the 2006 Cash Incentive Plan upon satisfaction of all applicable business goals and other criteria is equal to or less than each participant’s annual base salary.

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 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

Date: March 20, 2006

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