

**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): **July 6, 2018**

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)

(303) 706-4000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

80112
(Zip Code)

HUGHES SATELLITE SYSTEMS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COLORADO
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

333-179121
(Commission File Number)

45-0897865
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events

On Friday July 6, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. London time, EchoStar Corporation (“EchoStar”) issued an announcement (the “Rule 2.4 Announcement”) pursuant to Rule 2.4 of the U.K. City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the “Code”) disclosing that it had approached Inmarsat plc (“Inmarsat”) with a new and improved proposal (the “Improved Proposal”) to acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Inmarsat, as well as the terms of the Improved Proposal. Although Inmarsat rejected the Improved Proposal on July 4, 2018, EchoStar continued to seek engagement with the board of Inmarsat on a constructive basis, with a view to agreeing on the terms of a recommended transaction. A copy of the Rule 2.4 Announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

Shortly following release of the Rule 2.4 Announcement, Inmarsat released its own announcement maintaining its rejection of the Improved Proposal and chose not to engage with EchoStar during the course of the day on Friday, July 6, 2018 and did not offer to seek an extension of EchoStar’s “put up or shut up” deadline of 5:00 p.m. London time on July 6, 2018. As a result, on Friday, July 6, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. London time, EchoStar issued an announcement (the “Rule 2.8 Announcement”) pursuant to Rule 2.8 of the Code that it does not intend to make an offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Inmarsat pursuant to Rule 2.7 of the Code, subject to certain reservations as permitted under the Code, and the offer period which began on June 8, 2018 with respect to Inmarsat and EchoStar terminated. A copy of the Rule 2.8 Announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

The information contained and incorporated in this Item 8.01 and any exhibits hereto is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) or otherwise incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

This document and any exhibits thereto may contain statements that are forward looking, as that term is defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on management’s beliefs, as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, management. When used in this report, the words “believe,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “project,” “plans,” and similar expressions and the use of future dates are intended to identify forward looking statements. Although management believes that the expectations reflected in these forward looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that these expectations will prove to have been correct. The forward-looking statements may include those regarding any matter set forth in this Item 8.01 or any of the exhibits incorporated herein. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those predicted in any such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the possibility that a transaction will not be pursued and/or an offer will not be made, failure to obtain necessary regulatory approvals or required financing or to satisfy any of the other conditions to a potential transaction, adverse effects on the market price of EchoStar’s common stock and on EchoStar’s operating results for any reason, including, without limitation, because of a failure to complete a transaction, failure to realize the expected benefits of a transaction, negative effects of an announcement or consummation or failure to consummate a transaction on the market price of EchoStar’s common stock, significant transaction costs and/or unknown liabilities and general economic and business conditions that affect the combined companies following any transaction. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. These statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties, and assumptions. For additional information on these and other factors that could affect EchoStar’s forward-looking statements, see EchoStar’s filings with the SEC, including EchoStar’s most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and other documents EchoStar files with the SEC from time to time. The forward-looking statements speak only as

of the date made, and EchoStar expressly disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement in this document or any exhibits thereto except as required by applicable law or regulation.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) The following exhibits are being furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Exhibit Number	Description
<u>99.1</u>	<u>EchoStar Corporation Rule 2.4 Announcement regarding Inmarsat plc dated July 6, 2018.</u>
<u>99.2</u>	<u>EchoStar Corporation Rule 2.8 Announcement regarding Inmarsat plc dated July 6, 2018.</u>

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

EHOSTAR CORPORATION

HUGHES SATELLITE SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Date: July 6, 2018

By: /s/ Dean A. Manson
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

Friday 06 July, 2018

EchoStar Corporation

Statement re Possible Offer

RNS Number : 8287T
 EchoStar Corporation
 06 July 2018

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THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOT AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FIRM INTENTION TO MAKE AN OFFER UNDER RULE 2.7 OF THE CITY CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS (THE "CODE") AND THERE CAN BE NO CERTAINTY THAT AN OFFER WILL BE MADE EVEN IF THE PRE-CONDITIONAL MATTERS REFERRED TO BELOW ARE SATISFIED OR WAIVED

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

6 July 2018

Possible offer for Inmarsat plc

Further to the announcement by Inmarsat plc ("**Inmarsat**") on 8 June 2018, EchoStar Corporation ("**EchoStar**") confirms that it made a proposal to acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Inmarsat (the "**Proposal**"). The board of Inmarsat rejected the Proposal and subsequently, on 3 July 2018, EchoStar presented a new and improved proposal (the "**Improved Proposal**") which was rejected by Inmarsat on 4 July 2018. EchoStar continues, however, to seek engagement with the board of Inmarsat on a constructive basis, with a view to agreeing the terms of a recommended transaction.

Under the terms of the Improved Proposal, Inmarsat shareholders would be entitled to receive 265 pence in cash and 0.0777 new shares of EchoStar class A common stock (to be listed on NASDAQ) for each Inmarsat share, (subject to the reservations referred to below). Based on the closing price per share of EchoStar class A common stock on 5 July 2018 of US\$45.45 and an exchange rate of £:US\$ of 1:1.3244 on 5 July 2018, the Improved Proposal implies an equivalent value of 532 pence per Inmarsat share, valuing Inmarsat's existing issued share capital at approximately £2.45 billion.

As a result of the Improved Proposal, holders of the Inmarsat 3.875% convertible bonds due 2023 (the "**Convertible Bonds**") would be entitled to receive, in respect of each Convertible Bond, a value equivalent to approximately \$296,225 (in a combination of cash and / or shares) on the basis of the exchange rate and closing share price assumptions set out above.

Accordingly, the Improved Proposal would represent in aggregate, a value of approximately £3.2 billion for the issued and to be issued share capital of Inmarsat and the Convertible Bonds.

The Improved Proposal represents:

- (i) a premium of 46% to the closing price of 363 pence per Inmarsat share, and a premium of 42% to the closing price of \$209,300 per Convertible Bond, in each case on 30 May 2018 (being the last day prior to the date of EchoStar's initial approach);
- (ii) a premium of 40% to the volume weighted average closing price of 380 pence per Inmarsat share for the 3 months ended 7 June 2018 (being the last day prior to the announcement by Inmarsat that it had received a proposal from EchoStar); and

- (iii) a premium of 27% to the closing price of 418 pence per Inmarsat share, and a premium of 39% to the closing price of \$212,500 per Convertible Bond, in each case on 7 June 2018 (being the last day prior to the announcement by Inmarsat that it had received a proposal from EchoStar).

EchoStar believes a combination of EchoStar and Inmarsat is strategically compelling. The combined group would be one of the world's leading satellite providers and be well supported by a global portfolio of complementary assets and service offerings. EchoStar believes that the Improved Proposal presents a compelling opportunity for Inmarsat's shareholders to realize certain value from their investment in Inmarsat while also participating meaningfully in the upside potential of the combined company.

The Improved Proposal would also extend to any Inmarsat shares unconditionally allotted on conversion of the Convertible Bonds before the date on which any EchoStar offer for Inmarsat shares closes. To the extent that Convertible Bonds are not so converted, if EchoStar proceeds with the Improved Proposal, it will make appropriate proposals, in due course to the holders of Convertible Bonds in accordance with the Code. In aggregate, such an offer for Convertible Bonds would result in a maximum equivalent value of \$962.7 million being payable to holders (assuming up to 44.4 million new Inmarsat shares would be issuable on full conversion of the bonds, subject to the same exchange rate and closing price assumptions referred to above).

It is EchoStar's current preference to implement the transaction by way of a scheme of arrangement.

EchoStar would be prepared to proceed to implement the Improved Proposal subject to obtaining a satisfactory extension to the "put up or shut up" deadline of 5pm (UK time) on 6 July 2018, and the following matters:

- (i) Completing to its satisfaction a customary due diligence investigation;
- (ii) The finalization of mutually acceptable definitive documentation customary for a transaction of this type, including the terms and conditions typical for a recommended UK public offer and final board approvals; and
- (iii) The recommendation of the Inmarsat board.

EchoStar reserves the right to waive any or all of the matters referred to in paragraphs (i)-(iii) above.

EchoStar reserves the right to vary the form and/or mix of the consideration described in this Improved Proposal and to make an offer on less favorable terms:

- (i) with the recommendation of the board of Inmarsat;
- (ii) if Inmarsat announces, declares or pays any dividend or any other distribution to shareholders, in which case EchoStar will have the right to make an equivalent reduction to the proposed price;
- (iii) if further shares in Inmarsat (or rights to subscribe for such shares) are issued from the date of this Improved Proposal (except for shares to be issued upon any conversion of Convertible Bonds and currently outstanding in-the-money share options);
- (iv) if a third party announces a firm intention to make an offer for Inmarsat on less favorable terms than the possible offer; and/or
- (v) following the announcement by Inmarsat of a whitewash transaction pursuant to the Code or a reverse takeover (as defined in the Code).

This announcement does not constitute an announcement of a firm intention to make an offer under Rule 2.7 of the Code and, accordingly, shareholders are advised that there can be no certainty that any offer to acquire Inmarsat shares will be made. Further announcements will be made as and when appropriate.

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About EchoStar

EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS) is a premier global provider of satellite communications solutions. Headquartered in Englewood, Colorado, and conducting business around the globe, EchoStar is a pioneer in secure communications technologies through its Hughes Network Systems and EchoStar Satellite Services business segments.

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Forward-looking statements

This announcement contains forward-looking statements regarding EchoStar's proposal to acquire the entire issued share capital of Inmarsat and Convertible Bonds. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those predicted in any such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the possibility that the proposed transaction will not be pursued, failure to obtain necessary regulatory approvals or required financing or to satisfy any of the other conditions to the proposed transaction, adverse effects on the market price of EchoStar's common stock and on EchoStar's operating results because of a failure to complete the proposed transaction, failure to realize the expected benefits of the proposed transaction, negative effects of announcement or consummation of the proposed transaction on the market price of EchoStar's common stock, significant transaction costs and/or unknown liabilities and general economic

and business conditions that affect the combined companies following the proposed transaction. For additional information on these and other factors that could affect EchoStar's forward-looking statements, see EchoStar's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including EchoStar's most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequent reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K. EchoStar disclaims and does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement in this announcement except as required by applicable law or regulation. EchoStar disclaims and does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement in this announcement except as required by applicable law or regulation.

Additional U.S.-related information

This announcement is provided for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell shares or Convertible Bonds of Inmarsat or EchoStar. Subject to future developments, EchoStar may file a registration statement and/or other documents with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. **Inmarsat shareholders should read those filings, and any other filings made by EchoStar with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction, as they will contain important information.** Those documents, if and when filed, as well as EchoStar's other public filings with the SEC may be obtained without charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and at EchoStar's website at www.echostar.com.

In accordance with normal UK practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, if applicable, EchoStar or its nominees, or its brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, Inmarsat shares or Convertible Bonds outside of the United States, other than pursuant to the proposed transaction, before the proposed transaction has been consummated. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases will be disclosed as required in the UK, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service of the Financial Conduct Authority and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website, www.londonstockexchange.com, all as and to the extent required under UK law.

Publication of this announcement

A copy of this announcement will be available, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in restricted jurisdictions, at <https://www.echostar.com/en/Investors/Disclaimer.aspx> by no later than 12 noon (London time) on 6 July 2018. The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into and does not form part of this announcement.

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Friday 06 July, 2018

EchoStar Corporation

No intention to make an offer for Inmarsat

RNS Number: 9215T
EchoStar Corporation
06 July 2018

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ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER RULE 2.8 OF THE CITY CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS (THE "CODE")

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

6 July 2018

A statement by EchoStar Corporation

No intention to make an offer for Inmarsat plc

Further to the announcement made by Inmarsat plc ("Inmarsat") on 8 June 2018, EchoStar Corporation ("EchoStar") announces that it does not intend to make an offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Inmarsat pursuant to Rule 2.7 of the Code.

As a result of this announcement, EchoStar and any person acting in concert with it, is bound by the restrictions contained in Rule 2.8 of the Code.

Under Note 2 on Rule 2.8 of the Code, EchoStar, and any person acting in concert with it, reserves the right to set aside the restrictions in Rule 2.8 within 6 months following the date of this announcement, in the following circumstances:

- (i) with the agreement of the board of Inmarsat;
- (ii) following the announcement of a firm intention to make an offer for Inmarsat by a third party;
- (iii) if Inmarsat announces a "whitewash" proposal (see Note 1 of the Notes on Dispensations from Rule 9) or a reverse takeover (as defined in the Code); and
- (iv) if there has been a material change of circumstances (as determined by the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers).

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