
**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) : October 1, 2006

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.)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR
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ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On October 2, 2006, EchoStar Communications Corporation issued a press release confirming that, effective October 1, 2006, its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, completed the previously announced redemption of all of its outstanding Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2008.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits:

- 99.1 Press Release "EchoStar Completes Early Redemption of Floating Rate Senior Notes" dated October 2, 2006.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
EHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

Dated: October 2, 2006

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

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release "EchoStar Completes Early Redemption of Floating Rate Senior Notes" dated October 2, 2006.

ECHOSTAR COMPLETES EARLY REDEMPTION OF FLOATING RATE SENIOR NOTES

Englewood, Colo., Oct. 2, 2006 — EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq: DISH) confirmed that effective Oct. 1, 2006, its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, completed the previously announced redemption of all of its outstanding Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2008. In accordance with the terms of the indenture governing the notes, the outstanding principal amount of approximately \$500 million was repurchased at 101.000 percent, for a total of approximately \$505 million.

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

Except for historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this press release are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements set forth above involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from any such statement, including the risks and uncertainties discussed in EchoStar Communication Corporation's Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements included in its recent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its annual report on Form 10-K and its most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and EchoStar Communications Corporation expressly disclaims any obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

About EchoStar

EchoStar Communications Corporation (NASDAQ:DISH) serves more than 12.46 million satellite TV customers through its DISH Network, the fastest growing U.S. provider of advanced digital television services in the last six years. DISH Network offers hundreds of video and audio channels, Interactive TV, HDTV, sports and international programming, together with professional installation and 24-hour customer service.

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