

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 7, 2008

**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.)

90 INVERNESS CIRCLE E.  
ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO  
(Address of principal executive offices)

80112  
(Zip Code)

(303) 706-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 7, 2008, EchoStar Corporation (the “Company”) increased the size of its Board of Directors from seven to eight members and added Joseph P. Clayton as an independent member of the Company’s Board effective October 7, 2008. Mr. Clayton was appointed to the Company’s Board following the recommendation of the Company’s Nominating Committee and will serve on the Audit, Nominating and Compensation Committees of the Board.

Mr. Clayton served as Chairman of Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. (“Sirius”) from November 2004 through July 2008 and served as Chief Executive Officer of Sirius from November 2001 through November 2004. Prior to joining Sirius, Mr. Clayton served as President of Global Crossing North America, as President and Chief Executive Officer of Frontier Corporation and as Executive Vice President, Marketing and Sales - Americas and Asia, of Thomson S.A.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

No.	Description
<b>Exhibit 99.1</b>	Press Release “EchoStar Adds Joseph Clayton To Board Of Directors”

**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 CORPORATION

Date: October 9, 2008

By: /s/ R. Stanton Dodge  
R. Stanton Dodge  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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## NEWS RELEASE

**EHOSTAR ADDS JOSEPH CLAYTON TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ENGLEWOOD, Colo. – Oct. 9, 2008** – EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS) announced today the appointment of Joseph P. Clayton to the company's board of directors effective Oct. 7. This appointment increases the size of EchoStar's board from seven to eight members.

Clayton was appointed to EchoStar's board following the recommendation of the company's Nominating Committee and will serve on the Audit, Nominating and Compensation Committees of the Board.

Clayton served as chairman of Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. from November 2004 through July 2008 and served as chief executive officer of Sirius from November 2001 through November 2004. Prior to joining Sirius, Clayton served as president of Global Crossing North America, as president and chief executive officer of Frontier Corporation and as executive vice president for Marketing and Sales for the Americas and Asia of Thomson S.A.

"We welcome Joe to our board," said Charles Ergen, CEO and chairman of EchoStar. "He brings a great deal of executive-level experience in the satellite industry and we look forward to working with him as we grow our business."

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**About EchoStar Corporation**

EchoStar Corporation (Nasdaq: SATS) provides equipment sales, digital broadcast operations, and satellite services. EchoStar has 25 years of experience designing, developing and distributing advanced award-winning set-top boxes and related products for pay television providers. The company includes a network of 10 full-service digital broadcast centers and leased fiber optic capacity with points of presence in approximately 150 cities. EchoStar also delivers satellite services from eight owned and leased in-orbit satellites and related FCC licenses. Visit [www.echostar.com](http://www.echostar.com) for more information.

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