



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): February 4, 2003

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

**ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

COLORADO (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	333-31929 (Commission File Number)	84-1328967 (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 February 3, 2003, EchoStar Communications Corporation confirmed in its Press Release "EchoStar Completes Early Redemption of 9 1/4% Senior Notes" that effective February 1, 2003, its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, completed the previously announced repurchase of all of its 9 1/4% Senior Notes due 2006. The redemption occurred three years early in accordance with EchoStar DBS Corporation's early redemption right.

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: February 4, 2003

By: /s/ Michael R. McDonnell  
Michael R. McDonnell  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer