



---

**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): January 16, 2007

**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.)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.  
ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO  
(Address of principal executive offices)

80112  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 723-1000

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:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
- 
-

**ITEM 2.04. Triggering Events That Accelerate or Increase a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement**

EchoStar Communications Corporation has elected to redeem all of its outstanding 5 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2008. In accordance with the terms of the indenture governing the notes, the \$1.0 billion principal amount of notes will be redeemed effective February 15, 2007, at a redemption price of 101.643% of the principal amount, for a total of approximately \$1.016 billion. Interest on the notes will be paid through the February 15, 2007, redemption date. See Press Release, dated January 16, 2007, “EchoStar Announces Early Redemption of 5 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Convertible Subordinated Notes” attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release “EchoStar Announces Early Redemption of 5 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Convertible Subordinated Notes” dated January 16, 2007.

**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.

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Dated: January 16, 2007

By: /s/ Bernard L. Han  
Bernard L. Han  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

---

## INDEX TO EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release “EchoStar Announces Early Redemption of 5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> % Convertible Subordinated Notes” dated January 16, 2007.

**ECHOSTAR ANNOUNCES EARLY REDEMPTION OF 5 3/4 %  
CONVERTIBLE SUBORDINATED NOTES**

ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Jan. 16, 2007 — EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq: DISH) announced today that it has elected to redeem all of its outstanding 5 3/4% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2008. In accordance with the terms of the indenture governing the notes, the \$1 billion principal amount of notes will be redeemed effective Feb. 15, 2007, at a redemption price of 101.643% of the principal amount, for a total of approximately \$1.016 billion. Interest on the notes will be paid through the Feb. 15, 2007, redemption date. The trustee for the notes is the U.S. Bank National Association, telephone 1-800-934-6802. This announcement is neither a request nor an offer for tender of securities of EchoStar Communications Corporation.

***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 13 million satellite TV customers through its DISH Network™, the fastest-growing pay-TV provider in the country since 2000. DISH Network's services include hundreds of video and audio channels, Interactive TV, HDTV, sports and international programming, together with professional installation and 24-hour customer service. EchoStar has been a leader for more than 25 years in satellite TV equipment sales and support worldwide. EchoStar is included in the Nasdaq-100 Index (NDX) and is a Fortune 500 company. Visit EchoStar's Web site at [www.echostar.com](http://www.echostar.com) or call 1-800-333-DISH (3474).

Press: Kathie Gonzalez, 720-514-5351, [press@echostar.com](mailto:press@echostar.com)  
Investor Relations: Jason Kiser, 303-723-2210, [Jason.kiser@echostar.com](mailto:Jason.kiser@echostar.com)