

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): September 3, 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

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On September 4, 2003, EchoStar Communications Corporation confirmed that effective September 3, 2003, its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, completed the previously announced redemption of \$245 million principal amount of its 9 1/8 % Senior Notes due 2009. The outstanding principal amount of the notes after this redemption is \$455 million. See Press Release, dated September 4, 2003, "EchoStar Completes Partial Redemption of 9 1/8% Senior Notes" attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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: September 4, 2003

By: /s/ Michael R. McDonnell

Michael R. McDonnell
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release "EchoStar Completes Partial Redemption of 9 1/8% Senior Notes" dated September 4, 2003.

EXHIBIT 99.1

**ECHOSTAR COMPLETES PARTIAL REDEMPTION
OF 9 1/8 % SENIOR NOTES**

LITTLETON, Colo., Sept. 4, 2003 — EchoStar Communications Corporation (Nasdaq: DISH) confirmed that effective Sept. 3, 2003, its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, completed the previously announced redemption of \$245 million principal amount of its 9 1/8 % Senior Notes due 2009. The outstanding principal amount of the notes after this redemption is \$455 million.

EchoStar Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: DISH), through its DISH Network™, is the fastest growing U.S. provider of satellite television entertainment services with 9 million customers. DISH Network delivers advanced digital satellite television services, including hundreds of video and audio channels, Interactive TV, digital video recording, HDTV, international programming, professional installation and 24-hour customer service. Headquartered in Littleton, Colo., EchoStar has been a leader for 23 years in digital 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> or call 1-800-333-DISH (3474).

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