

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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): JULY 21, 2004

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA 0-26176 88-0336997

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(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation) Identification No.)

9601 S. Meridien Boulevard  
Englewood, Colorado 80112

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COLORADO 333-31929 84-1328967

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(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation) Identification No.)

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ITEM 5.

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OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE.  
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Michael McDonnell, our Chief Financial Officer, has resigned, effective August 13, 2004. Mr. McDonnell intends for personal reasons to relocate and take a position nearer to family on the East Coast.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

By:

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Name:

Title:

ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

By:

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Name:

Title:

Dated: July 21, 2004