

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT #1
(TO PROSPECTUS DATED JUNE 30, 2000)

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ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
\$1,000,000,000
4 7/8% CONVERTIBLE SUBORDINATED NOTES DUE 2007

This prospectus supplement relates to the offer and sale from time to time by certain selling securityholders of our 4 7/8% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2007 and the shares of our class A common stock into which the convertible notes are convertible.

This prospectus supplement should be read in conjunction with the prospectus dated June 30, 2000, which is to be delivered with this prospectus supplement. The definitions for any capitalized terms used in this prospectus supplement are included in the prospectus.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On July 14, 2000, EchoStar VI was successfully launched on a Lockheed Martin Atlas ILAS rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida. EchoStar VI will be tested at 148 degrees West Longitude before moving to its final orbital location. Subject to FCC approval, EchoStar VI will operate at 119 degrees West Longitude, rather than the originally planned 110 degree orbital location, and EchoStar I will be moved from the 119 degree orbital location to the 148 degree orbital location. As EchoStar VI is the most powerful DBS satellite manufactured to date, this move would allow us to enhance our primary DBS service at the 119 degree orbital location, as well as increase the number of channels offered to residents of Alaska and Hawaii.

SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

The information in the table included under the heading "Selling Securityholders" in the prospectus is superceded in part by the information appearing in the following table:

NAME	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF CONVERTIBLE NOTES BENEFICIALLY OWNED AND OFFERED HEREBY	SHARES OF CLASS A COMMON STOCK OWNED PRIOR TO THE OFFERING	SHARES OF CLASS A COMMON STOCK OFFERED HEREBY(1)
Argent Classic Convertible Arbitrage Fund (Bermuda) L.P.	\$ 11,500,000		253,081
Argent Convertible Arbitrage Fund Ltd.	\$ 3,000,000		66,021
BBT Fund, L.P.	\$ 7,000,000		88,028
Bear Stearns & Co., Inc.	\$ 7,500,000		165,053
BPAmoco Corporation Master Trust for Employee Pension Plans	\$ 4,160,000		91,549
Circlet (IMA) Limited	\$ 3,500,000		77,025

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Continental Assurance Company Separate Account (E)	\$ 1,300,000		28,609
Elf Aquitaine	\$ 300,000		6,602
Fidelity Advisor Series I: Fidelity Advisor Asset Allocation Fund	\$ 10,000		220
Fidelity Charles Street Trust: Fidelity Asset Manager	\$ 1,590,000		34,991
Fidelity Charles Street Trust: Fidelity Asset Manager: Agressive	\$ 100,000		2,201
Fidelity Charles Street Trust: Fidelity Asset Manager: Income	\$ 200,000		4,401
Fidelity Global Asset Allocation Fund	\$ 250,000		5,502
FIST Convertible Securities Fund	\$ 2,000,000		44,014
Forest Convertible Fund	\$ 65,000		1,430
General Motors Welfare Benefit Trust (L-T Veba)	\$ 1,000,000		22,007
General Motors Welfare Benefit Trust (ST-Veba)	\$ 1,000,000		22,007
ING Barrings LLC	\$ 1,000,000		22,007
Jeffries & Company	\$ 83,000		1,827
JP Morgan Securities, Inc.	\$ 35,600,000		783,451
KBC Financial Products	\$ 9,500,000		209,067
Kentfield Trading, Ltd.	\$ 9,500,000		209,067
Lehman Brothers, Inc.	\$ 17,985,000		395,797
Lord Abbett & Co Oxford Fund	\$ 500,000		11,004
Lord Abbett Bond Debenture Fund	\$ 2,000,000		44,014
Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith Inc.	\$ 1,174,000		38,292
New York Life Separate Account #7	\$ 500,000		11,004
Paloma Securities LLC	\$ 6,000,000		132,042
Peoples Benefit Life Insurance Company	\$ 5,000,000		110,035

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Peoples Benefit Life Insurance Company (Teamster Separate Account)	\$ 5,150,000		113,336
RBC Capital Services Inc.	\$ 185,000		4,071
Retail Clerks Pension Trust #2	\$ 1,500,000		33,011
Sagamore Hill Hub Fund Ltd.	\$ 5,000,000		110,035
St. Albans Partners Ltd.	\$ 10,000,000		220,070
St. Thomas Trading, Ltd.	\$ 40,000		880
Variable Insurance Products Fund: High Income Portfolio	\$ 50,665,000		1,114,987
Yield Strategies Fund II, LP	\$ 2,000,000		44,014
Zurich HFR Master Hedge Fund	\$ 90,000		1,981
Zurich HFR Master Hedge Fund Index Ltd.	\$ 40,000		880
Other current and future holders of convertible Notes(2)	\$(104,304,000)		(2,295,423)

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- (1) Assumes a conversion price of \$45.44 per share and the payment of cash in lieu of fractional shares.
- (2) Information concerning other selling securityholders, including current holders of convertible notes for which we have not received current information regarding their holdings of convertible notes and class A common stock, or information reflecting transfers of their convertible notes and class A common stock to other selling securityholders, will be included in supplements to this prospectus, if required. For purposes of this table, we have assumed that such holders do not beneficially own any other shares of class A common stock, other than the shares issuable upon conversion of the convertible notes.

LEGAL MATTERS

The information in the prospectus appearing under the caption "Legal Matters" is superseded in its entirety by the following information:

Friedlob Sanderson Paulson & Tourtillott, LLC, Denver, Colorado, will pass on the validity of the convertible notes and the class A common stock issuable upon their conversion. Mr. Friedlob, a member of the firm, is also a member of our Board of Directors and currently owns options to acquire 38,000 shares of class A common stock. Friedlob Sanderson Paulson & Tourtillott, LLC will rely on an opinion of Hale Lane Peek Dennison Howard and Anderson, Reno, Nevada, as to matters of Nevada law.

SEE "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE 7 OF THE PROSPECTUS FOR CERTAIN RISKS
YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU PURCHASE ANY CONVERTIBLE NOTES
OR SHARES OF CLASS A COMMON STOCK.

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or determined
whether the prospectus or this prospectus supplement is truthful or complete.
Nor have they made, nor will they make, any determination as to whether anyone
should buy these securities. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal
offense.

The date of this prospectus supplement is July 14, 2000