

DIRECTV GROUP INC
Form SC 13D/A
February 29, 2008

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

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 4)*

THE DIRECTV GROUP, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

444418 10 7

(CUSIP Number)

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News Corporation

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 27, 2008

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

News Corporation

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) "

(b) "

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

Not Applicable

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

"

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

7. Sole Voting Power:

Number of

Shares -0-

Beneficially 8. Shared Voting Power:

Owned by

Each -0-

9. Sole Dispositive Power:

Reporting

Person -0-

With 10. Shared Dispositive Power:

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-0-

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:

-0-

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) ..

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11):

0%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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Fox Entertainment Group, Inc.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) "

(b) "

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

Not Applicable

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"

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

7. Sole Voting Power:

Number of

Shares -0-

8. Shared Voting Power:

Beneficially

Owned by

Each -0-

9. Sole Dispositive Power:

Reporting

Person

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With

10. Shared Dispositive Power:

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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:

-0-

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0%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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Introductory Statement

This Amendment No. 4 (this Amendment) to the Statement on Schedule 13D relates to the Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock) of The DIRECTV Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Issuer). This Amendment amends and supplements (a) the Statement originally filed on December 24, 2003 by The News Corporation Limited, K. Rupert Murdoch and Fox Entertainment Group, Inc. (FEG) (the Initial Schedule 13D), (b) Amendment No. 1 to the Initial Schedule 13D filed on November 12, 2004 (Amendment No. 1) by News Corporation and FEG (collectively, the Reporting Persons), (c) Amendment No. 2 to the Initial Schedule 13D filed on April 12, 2005 by the Reporting Persons (Amendment No. 2) and (d) Amendment No. 3 to the Initial Schedule 13D filed on December 27, 2006 by the Reporting Persons (Amendment No. 3) and collectively with the Initial Schedule 13D, Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2 and this Amendment No. 4, this Statement. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Initial Schedule 13D, Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2 or Amendment No. 3 as applicable.

This Statement is filed in connection with the closing of the transaction in which News Corporation exchanged its entire interest in a subsidiary of News Corporation, whose holdings consist of all of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by News Corporation and FEG, along with certain other assets owned by News Corporation and FEG and cash, to Liberty Media Corporation, a Delaware corporation (Liberty), in exchange for all of the shares of News Corporation Class A and Class B Common Stock owned by Liberty (as more fully described in Amendment No. 3). The purpose of this Amendment No. 4 is to amend the information contained in Items 4 and 5 of the Statement.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended to add to the end thereof the following:

On February 27, 2008, News Corporation closed the previously announced transaction contemplated by the share exchange agreement (the Share Exchange Agreement) with Liberty. Pursuant to the terms of the Share Exchange Agreement, Liberty exchanged its entire interest in News Corporation's common stock (approximately 325 million shares of News Corporation Class A common stock and 188 million shares of News Corporation Class B common stock) for 100% of a News Corporation subsidiary, whose holdings consist of News Corporation's and FEG's approximately 41% interest (approximately 470 million shares) in the Issuer, three of News Corporation's Regional Sports Networks (FSN Northwest, FSN Pittsburgh and FSN Rocky Mountain) and approximately \$625 million in cash (the Exchange). The Exchange results in the divestiture of the Reporting Persons' entire interest in the Issuer to Liberty, and the Reporting Persons are no longer the beneficial owners of any shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 is amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

(a) The information in Rows (11) through (13) of the cover pages of this Amendment is incorporated herein by reference. As of February 27, 2008, the Reporting Persons no longer beneficially owned any shares of Common Stock.

(b) The information in (i) Rows (7) through (10) of the cover pages of this Amendment and (ii) Item 5(a) hereof is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) The information set forth in Item 4 of this Amendment is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) The Reporting Persons ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the Common Stock of the Issuer on February 27, 2008.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

NEWS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Lawrence A. Jacobs
Lawrence A. Jacobs
Senior Executive Vice President and

Group General Counsel

Dated: February 29, 2008

FOX ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Lawrence A. Jacobs
Lawrence A. Jacobs
Senior Executive Vice President and

Group General Counsel

Dated: February 29, 2008

SCHEDULE I

Schedule I is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

The name, business address and present principal occupation or employment of each of the executive officers and directors of the Reporting Persons:

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