

EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 8-K

December 18, 2002

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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): December 18, 2002

EHOSTAR 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

**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS**

On December 18, 2002, EchoStar Communications Corporation ( EchoStar ) announced that it has agreed to repurchase Vivendi Universal's stake in EchoStar. See Press Release, dated December 18, 2002, EchoStar Announces Repurchase of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock 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.

EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Dated: December 18, 2002

By: /s/ Michael R. McDonnell

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Michael R. McDonnell,  
Senior Vice President Chief Financial Officer

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**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release EchoStar Announces Repurchase of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock dated December 18, 2002.