ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP Form 8-K January 20, 2006

UNITED STATES 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): January 19, 2006

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA 0-26176 88-0336997
(State or other (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer jurisdiction of incorporation)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. 80112 ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(303) 723-1100

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COLORADO 333-31929 84-1328967
(State or other (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer jurisdiction of incorporation)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. 80112 ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO (Zip Code)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 19, 2006, EchoStar Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: DISH) announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, priced \$1.5 billion aggregate principal amount of ten-year, 7-1/8% senior notes. Interest on the notes, which will mature February 1, 2016 will be paid February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2006. The proceeds of the offering are intended to be used to redeem EchoStar DBS Corporation s outstanding 9-1/8% Senior Notes due 2009 as well as for other general corporate purposes. See Press Release, dated January 19, 2006, EchoStar Places \$1.5 billion in Senior Notes attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release EchoStar Places \$1.5 billion in Senior Notes dated January 19, 2006

SIGNATURES

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

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

Date: January 19, 2006

By: /s/ David J. Rayner

David J. Rayner

Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

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