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ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP Form 8-K January 19, 2006

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 charter)

NEVADA 0-26176 88-0336997
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.
ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO
(Address of principal executive offices)

80112
(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

(303) 723-1000

ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

COLORADO 333-31929 84-1328967
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO (Address of principal executive offices)

80112 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

(303) 723-1000

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.04. Triggering Events That Accelerate or Increase a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement

On January 19, 2006, EchoStar Communications Corporation announced that its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, has elected to redeem all of its outstanding 9 1/8% Senior Notes due 2009. In accordance with the terms of the indenture governing the notes, the remaining principal amount of the notes of approximately \$442 million will be redeemed effective February 17, 2006, at a redemption price of 104.563% of the principal amount, for a total of approximately \$462 million. Interest on the notes will be paid through the February 17, 2006, redemption date. See Press Release, dated January 19, 2006, EchoStar Announces Early Redemption of 9 1/8% Senior Notes attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS (d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release EchoStar Announces Early Redemption of 9 1/8% Senior Notes dated January 19, 2006.

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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.

> ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS **CORPORATION** ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

Dated: January 19, 2006 By: /s/ David J. Rayner

David J. Rayner

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

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Exhibit			
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