ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP Form 8-K August 04, 2003

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): August 4, 2003

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.)

5701 S. SANTA FE DRIVE
LITTLETON, COLORADO 80120
(Address of principal executive offices) (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.)

5701 S. SANTA FE DRIVE
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EchoStar Communications Corporation announced today that its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, has elected to redeem \$245 million principal amount of its 9 1/8 % Senior Notes due 2009, fully exercising its optional partial redemption right. The outstanding principal amount of the notes after this redemption will be \$455 million. See Press Release, dated August 4, 2003, EchoStar Announces Partial Redemption of 9 1/8% Senior Notes 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.

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Dated: August 4, 2003 By: /s/ Michael R. McDonnell

Michael R. McDonnell Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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| Number | | Description | |
| 99.1 | Press Release | EchoStar Announces Partial Redemption of 9 1/8% Senior Notes | dated August 4, 2003. |