

EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 8-K

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**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) : February 2, 2006
EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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| NEVADA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 0-26176 (Commission File Number) | 88-0336997 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO (Address of principal executive offices) | 80112 (Zip Code) |
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(303) 723-1000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

EHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| COLORADO (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 333-31929 (Commission File Number) | 84-1328967 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 2, 2006, EchoStar DBS Corporation (the Company), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of EchoStar Communications Corporation (EchoStar), entered into an Indenture, between the Company, the guarantors named on the signature pages thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, relating to the Company's issuance of \$1.5 billion aggregate principal amount of its 7-1/8% Senior Notes due 2016 (the Notes). A copy of the Indenture is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1 and incorporated herein by reference. For a description of the material terms of the Indenture and the Notes, see the information set forth below under Item 2.03, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On February 2, 2006, the Company sold \$1.5 billion aggregate principal amount of Notes pursuant to the Indenture. The Notes were sold in a private placement to (1) qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act) and (2) outside the United States to persons who are not U.S. persons (as defined in Rule 902 of Regulation S under the Securities Act) in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The Notes bear interest at a rate of 7-1/8% per annum and mature on February 1, 2016. Interest on the Notes will be payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, starting on August 1, 2006, to the holders of record of such Notes registered at the close of business on the January 15 or July 15, respectively, preceding such interest payment date. The Indenture contains customary covenants that will limit the Company's ability and, in certain instances, the ability of certain of the Company's subsidiaries to (i) incur additional debt; (ii) pay dividends or make distributions on the Company's capital stock or repurchase the Company's capital stock; (iii) make certain investments; (iv) create liens or enter into sale and leaseback transactions; (v) enter into transactions with affiliates; (vi) merge or consolidate with another company; and (vii) transfer and sell assets.

The Company, at its option, may at any time and from time to time redeem all or any portion of the Notes on not less than 30 and not more than 60 days' prior notice mailed to the holders of the Notes to be redeemed. The Notes will be redeemable at a price equal to the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption and a make-whole premium calculated under the Indenture. The Company, at any time prior to February 1, 2009, may also redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes, at a redemption price equal to 107.125% of the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed with the net cash proceeds from certain equity offerings or capital contributions.

The Indenture provides for customary events of default, including: nonpayment, breach of the covenants in the Indenture, payment defaults or acceleration of other indebtedness, a failure to pay certain judgments and certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization. If any event of default occurs and is continuing, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may declare all the Notes to be due and payable immediately, together with interest, if any, accrued thereon.

Under the terms of a Registration Rights Agreement, the Company has agreed to register notes having substantially identical terms as the Notes with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of an offer to exchange freely tradable exchange notes for the Notes.

The description set forth above is qualified in its entirety by the Indenture and the Registration Rights Agreement filed herewith as exhibits.

A copy of the Registration Rights Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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| Exhibit 4.2 | Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of February 2, 2006, among the Company, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. |

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: February 2, 2006

By: /s/ David K. Moskowitz
David K. Moskowitz
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

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