ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP Form 8-K

September 29, 2006

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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): September 29, 2006 ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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 jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

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

(Address of principal executive offices)

(303) 723-1100

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 29, 2006, EchoStar Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: DISH) announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, priced \$500 million aggregate principal amount of seven-year, 7% senior notes. Interest on the notes, which will mature on October 1, 2013, will be paid on October 1 and April 1 of each year, commencing on April 1, 2007. The net proceeds of the offering are intended to be used to replace cash on hand that will be used to redeem outstanding Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2008 on October 1, 2006 pursuant to the previously announced redemption of such notes.

See Press Release, dated September 29, 2006, EchoStar Places \$500 million 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 \$500 million in Senior Notes dated September 29, 2006 SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

Date: September 29, 2006

By: /s/ David K. Moskowitz

David K. Moskowitz

Executive Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary

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