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August 06, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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 5, 2001

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.)

5701 South Santa Fe Drive Littleton, Colorado	80120
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 723-1000

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

As summarized in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1, on August 5, 2001, EchoStar Communications Corporation ("EchoStar") announced that it made a proposal to General Motors Corporation ("GM") to combine EchoStar with Hughes Electronics Corporation, a subsidiary of GM, in a stock-for-stock transaction. Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM. 7. EXHIBITS

99.1	Press Release of EchoStar Communications Corporation, issued on August 5, 2001.
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SIGNATURES

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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

By: /s/ David K. Moskowitz

Name: David K. Moskowitz

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary

Date: August 6, 2001

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