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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): March 11, 2004

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. 80112 ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

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. 80112 ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (303)

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Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 9, Regulation FD Disclosure, and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

On March 11, 2004, EchoStar Communications Corporation issued a press release announcing its fourth quarter 2003 subscriber additions and also announced the rescheduling of its fourth quarter 2003 earnings call for the reasons described in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 12, Results of Operations and Financial Condition, and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

On March 11, 2004, EchoStar Communications Corporation issued a press release announcing its fourth quarter 2003 subscriber additions and also announced the rescheduling of its fourth quarter 2003 earnings call for the reasons described in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained in this Current Report, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing of EchoStar Communications Corporation or EchoStar DBS Corporation whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

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: March 11, 2004

By: /s/ Michael R. McDonnell

Michael R. McDonnell

Senior Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

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99.1 Press Release EchoStar Reports Fourth Quarter 2003 Subscribers Fourth Quarter 2003

Earnings Call to be Rescheduled dated March 11, 2004.

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