ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP Form 8-K

June 20, 2005

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): June 20, 2005

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) 723-1000 (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)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Appointment of Principal Officers.

On June 20, 2005, EchoStar Communications Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Michael A. Neuman as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company and the appointment of Mr. Carl E. Vogel to the newly-created position of Vice Chairman of the Company.

Mr. Neuman, aged 50, served from 2002 until 2005 as President of Bell Mobility, a Canadian provider of wireless services with approximately five million customers. Prior to joining Bell Mobility, Mr. Neuman served as President of several companies including Bell ExpressVu, a provider of satellite television services in Canada.

Mr. Vogel, aged 47, joined our Board of Directors on May 6, 2005, and will continue as a board member in addition to his new management role. From 2001 until 2005, Mr. Vogel was President and CEO of Charter Communications Inc., a publicly-traded company providing cable television and broadband services to approximately six million customers. Prior to joining Charter, Mr. Vogel worked as an executive officer in various capacities for companies affiliated with Liberty Media Corporation. Mr. Vogel was one of our executive officers from 1994 until 1997, including serving as our President from 1995 until 1997.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release EchoStar Names New President, Vice Chairman.

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: June 20, 2005

By: /s/ David K. Moskowitz

David K. Moskowitz

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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