

EchoStar CORP
Form 8-K
December 28, 2012

**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): **December 28, 2012 (December 21, 2012)**

ECHOSTAR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-33807
(Commission
File
Number)

26-1232727
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

100 INVERNESS TERRACE E.

ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO
(Address of principal executive offices)

80112
(Zip Code)

(303) 706-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

HUGHES SATELLITE SYSTEMS CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COLORADO
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

333-179121
(Commission
File

Number)

45-0897865
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

EchoStar XVI Satellite Capacity Agreement Amendment. During December 2009, we entered into a transponder service agreement (the Agreement) with DISH Network Corporation (DISH) to lease to DISH all of the capacity on EchoStar XVI, a DBS satellite, after its service commencement date. Under the Agreement, the initial term generally expired upon the earlier of: (i) the end-of-life or replacement of the satellite; (ii) the date the satellite failed; (iii) the date the transponder(s) on which service was being provided under the agreement failed; or (iv) ten years following the actual service commencement date. Prior to expiration of the initial term, DISH also had the option to renew on a year-to-year basis through the end-of-life of the satellite.

Effective December 21, 2012, we and DISH amended the Agreement to, among other things, change the initial term of the Agreement to generally expire upon the earlier of: (i) the end-of-life or replacement of the satellite; (ii) the date the satellite fails; (iii) the date the transponder(s) on which service is being provided under the agreement fails; or (iv) four years following the actual service commencement date. Prior to expiration of the initial term, we have the right, under certain conditions, to renew the Agreement for an additional six-year period. Prior to expiration of the initial term, DISH also has the option to renew the Agreement for an additional six-year period. If either we or DISH exercise our respective six-year renewal options, then DISH has the option to renew the Agreement for an additional five-year period prior to expiration of the then-current term.

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 CORPORATION
HUGHES SATELLITE SYSTEMS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Dean A. Manson
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

Date: December 28, 2012