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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): January 19, 2006

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA 88-0336997 (State or other jurisdiction of 0-26176 (IRS Employer

incorporation) (Commission File Number) Identification No.)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.

ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO 80112
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(303) 723-1000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COLORADO 84-1328967
(State or other jurisdiction of 333-31929 (IRS Employer incorporation) (Commission File Number) Identification No.)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.
ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

During the fourth quarter of 2005, the Board of Directors of EchoStar Communications Corporation extended EchoStar s share repurchase plan originally authorized on August 9, 2004 to expire on the earlier of June 30, 2006 or when an aggregate amount of \$1.0 billion of stock has been purchased under the plan. As of December 31, 2005, EchoStar had repurchased an aggregate of 13,182,736 shares for a total of \$362,512,444 under the plan.

SIGNATURE

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: January 19, 2006

By: /s/ David K. Moskowitz

David K. Moskowitz

Executive Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary

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