ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP Form 8-K January 27, 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): January 27, 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)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On or prior to January 31, 2005, the letter and related tax information furnished as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K will be distributed to our stockholders of record as of December 8, 2004 to report the tax characteristics of the cash distribution we paid to our stockholders on December 14, 2004.

The information included in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2) shall not be deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or incorporated by reference in any registration statement filed by us under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits:

- 99.1 Letter from EchoStar Communication Corporation (EchoStar) to stockholders of record as of December 8, 2004 regarding reporting of the tax characteristics of the cash distribution paid to EchoStar stockholders on December 14, 2004.
- 99.2 Additional information regarding the tax characteristics of the cash distribution paid to EchoStar stockholders on December 14, 2004.

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

Date: January 27, 2005 By: /s/ David K. Moskowitz

David K. Moskowitz

Executive Vice President and General

Counsel

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