ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP Form 8-K January 21, 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 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.
ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO

(Address of principal executive offices)

80112
(Zip Code)

(303) 723-1100 (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.
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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 8.01 Other Events.

EchoStar Communications Corporation announced today that it has agreed to purchase certain satellite assets from Rainbow DBS Co., a subsidiary of Cablevision Systems Corporation for \$200 million. See Press Release, dated January 20, 2005, EchoStar To Purchase Satellite from Cablevision attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release EchoStar To Purchase Satellite from Cablevision.

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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: January 20, 2005 By: /s/ David K. Moskowitz

David K. Moskowitz

Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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