

EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 8-K

December 31, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 31, 2002

**EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

NEVADA  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-26176  
(Commission  
File Number)

88-0336997  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

5701 S. SANTA FE DRIVE  
LITTLETON, COLORADO  
(Address of principal executive offices)

80120  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(303) 723-1000

**EHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

COLORADO  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

333-31929  
(Commission  
File Number)

84-1328967  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

5701 S. SANTA FE DRIVE  
LITTLETON, COLORADO  
(Address of principal executive offices)

80120  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(303) 723-1000

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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS**

On December 31, 2002, EchoStar Communications Corporation announced that its subsidiary, EchoStar DBS Corporation, has elected to retire all of its outstanding 9 1/4% Senior Notes due 2006, three years early pursuant to its optional early redemption right. See Press Release, dated December 31, 2002, EchoStar Announces Early Redemption of 9 1/4% Senior Notes attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Dated: December 31, 2002

By: /s/ Michael R. McDonnell

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Michael R. McDonnell  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release EchoStar Announces Early Redemption of 9 1/4% Senior Notes dated December 31, 2002.