

EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 8-K

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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): October 20, 2003

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)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

80120
(Zip Code)
(303) 723-1000

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On October 21, 2003, EchoStar Communications Corporation confirmed that effective October 20, 2003, it completed the previously announced redemption of \$1.0 billion principal amount of its 4 7/8% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2007. See Press Release, dated October 21, 2003, EchoStar Completes Redemption of 4 7/8% Convertible Subordinated 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.

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Dated: October 21, 2003

By: /s/ Michael R. McDonnell

Michael R. McDonnell
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release EchoStar Completes Redemption of 4 7/8% Convertible Subordinated Notes dated October 21, 2003.