

EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 8-K

September 19, 2003

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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): September 19, 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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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS**

On September 19, 2003, EchoStar Communications Corporation ( EchoStar ) announced that it has elected to retire all of its outstanding 4 7/8% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2007, more than three years early pursuant to its optional early redemption right. See Press Release, dated September 19, 2003, EchoStar Announces Early 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: September 19, 2003

By: /s/ Michael R. McDonnell

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Michael R. McDonnell  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release EchoStar Announces Early Redemption of 4 7/8% Convertible Subordinated Notes dated September 19, 2003.