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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): March 14, 2008 DISH NETWORK 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) 723-1000

(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. 80112 ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(303) 723-1000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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On March 14, 2008, a Proton launch vehicle carrying the SES Americom AMC-14 satellite experienced an anomaly which left the satellite in a lower orbit than planned. While further testing will be necessary, the satellite appears to be functional. Engineers from SES Americom and Lockheed Martin, the manufacturer of the satellite, are exploring options to potentially bring AMC-14 into its proper orbit. If those efforts are successful, station keeping fuel would be required to correct the orbit, so the service life of the satellite would be substantially reduced.

We intended to lease the entire capacity of the satellite from EchoStar Corporation in order to, among other things, increase the number of high definition channels we offer. Therefore, the launch anomaly will result in a delay in our roll out of some high definition channels, including some local network channels.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DISH NETWORK CORPORATION ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION

Date: March 17, 2008 By: /s/ R. Stanton Dodge

R. Stanton Dodge

Executive Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary

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