

DISH Network CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 05, 2017

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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): December 5, 2017 (December 1, 2017)

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	80112
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

(303) 723-1000

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

DISH 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 SOUTH MERIDIAN BLVD.	
ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO	80112
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

(303) 723-1000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 5, 2017, DISH Network Corporation (“DISH Network”) issued the attached press release announcing a series of senior management changes, all of which are effective on December 5, 2017.

Mr. W. Erik Carlson, who formerly held the position of President and Chief Operating Officer of DISH Network, has been appointed as President and Chief Executive Officer of DISH Network. Mr. Charles W. Ergen, who formerly held the position of Chief Executive Officer, will remain as executive Chairman of DISH Network and Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. John W. Swieringa, who formerly held the position of Executive Vice President, Operations, has been appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of DISH Network.

Mr. Carlson, age 48, is DISH’s President and Chief Executive Officer and will oversee all aspects of the company’s DISH TV and Sling TV businesses. Mr. Carlson is a DISH veteran of more than two decades, and has held numerous roles throughout the company. Most recently, he served as President and Chief Operating Officer. In this role, he oversaw the company’s day-to-day operations including Human Resources, Operations and Information Technology, Media Sales, Marketing, Programming, Product Management, Acquisition and Retention, and Finance and Accounting organizations. Prior to that, Mr. Carlson managed DISH’s In-Home Services, Customer Service Centers, Customer Billing, and Information Technology organizations, as well as Manufacturing, which consists of equipment retrieval and refurbishment operations. Mr. Carlson also served as Senior Vice President of Retail Services and Sales where he managed the company’s indirect sales operations.

Mr. Swieringa, age 40, is DISH’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Swieringa previously served as Executive Vice President, Operations since December 2015 and has had responsibility for the in-home services operations, customer service and billing, information technology, manufacturing and distribution for DISH Network. Mr. Swieringa previously served as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer from March 2014 to December 2015 and as Vice President of Information Technology Customer Applications from March 2010 to March 2014. Mr. Swieringa joined DISH Network in December 2007 serving in our finance department.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 [Press Release “DISH Names New CEO, Group Presidents, CHRO: Announces Organizational Framework” dated December 5, 2017](#)

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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.

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Vice  
President  
and  
General  
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Date: December 5, 2017

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