# 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 10, 2017

# DISH NETWORK CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**NEVADA**(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-26176** (Commission File Number)

**88-0336997** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN BLVD.
ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO

**80112** (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(303) 723-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 10, 2017, DISH Network Corporation ("DISH Network") issued a press release announcing its intention to issue and sell, subject to market and other conditions, \$1 billion aggregate principal amount of convertible notes. The convertible notes will only be offered and sold to institutional accredited investors that are also qualified institutional buyers on a private placement basis pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The net proceeds of the placement are intended to be used for strategic transactions, which may include wireless and spectrum-related strategic transactions, and for other general corporate purposes. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Item 7.01 is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Certain statements incorporated by reference in this Current Report on Form 8-K may be forward-looking statements, which may involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those described. DISH Network does not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release "DISH Network Announces Convertible Notes Placement" dated March 10, 2017

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

DISH NETWORK CORPORATION

Date: March 10, 2017

By: /s/ R. Stanton Dodge
R. Stanton Dodge
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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#### **DISH Network Announces Convertible Notes Placement**

ENGLEWOOD, Colo.— March 10, 2017—DISH Network Corporation ("DISH Network") (NASDAQ: DISH) today announced that it plans to issue and sell, subject to market and other conditions, \$1 billion aggregate principal amount of convertible notes (the "notes"). The net proceeds of the placement are intended to be used for strategic transactions, which may include wireless and spectrum-related strategic transactions, and for other general corporate purposes.

The notes will be unsecured obligations of DISH Network. Upon any conversion, DISH Network will settle its conversion obligation in cash, shares of its Class A Common Stock, or a combination of cash and shares of its Class A Common Stock, at its election. The interest rate, the initial conversion rate, and other terms and conditions of the notes will be determined by negotiations between DISH Network and the purchasers of the notes.

The notes will only be offered and sold to institutional accredited investors that are also qualified institutional buyers on a private placement basis pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The notes and shares of DISH Network's Class A Common Stock issuable upon the conversion of the notes, if any, have not been and are not intended to be registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction. The notes may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements. This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the notes; nor shall there be any sale of these notes in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

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Except for historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this press release are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements set forth above involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from any such statement, including the risks and uncertainties discussed in DISH Network's Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements included in its recent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its annual report on Form 10-K. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and DISH Network expressly disclaims any obligation to update these forward-looking statements.