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): August 15, 2017 (August 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 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO (Address of principal executive offices)

80112 (Zip Code)

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(Zip Code)

(303) 723-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

DISH DBS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COLORADO

333-31929 (Commission File Number)

84-1328967 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO

(Address of principal executive offices)

(303) 723-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 \Box

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. \Box

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

On August 14, 2017, DISH Network Corporation ("DISH Network") issued a press release announcing, among other things, the resignation of Mr. Roger J. Lynch, Chief Executive Officer of Sling TV Holding L.L.C., an indirect subsidiary of DISH Network, and Executive Vice President, Advanced Technologies for DISH Network, effective August 31, 2017.

A copy of DISH Network's press release relating to the resignation of Mr. Lynch is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of DISH Network or DISH DBS Corporation under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release "DISH Announces New Leadership Structure for Sling TV" dated August 14, 2017

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 DISH DBS CORPORATION

Date: August 15, 2017

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

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<u>Exhibit No.</u> 99.1 Description Press Release "DISH Announces New Leadership Structure for Sling TV" dated August 14, 2017

DISH Announces New Leadership Structure for Sling TV

- Sling TV to be integrated into President and COO Erik Carlson's portfolio
- Sling TV CEO, Roger Lynch, to join Pandora as CEO

Englewood, Colo., August 14, 2017 – DISH Network Corporation (NASDAQ: DISH) today announced that it will shift the leadership of its over-the-top (OTT) service, Sling TV, into DISH President and Chief Operating Officer Erik Carlson's portfolio. The move comes with the news that outgoing Sling TV CEO, Roger Lynch, will join Pandora as CEO. Management changes for Sling TV are effective Aug. 31.

"Erik is positioned to fully support and grow our enterprise's portfolio, including our Sling TV asset, as we work to connect 100 percent of the country through satellite, OTT, wireless and even digital over-the-air offerings," said Charlie Ergen, DISH Chairman and CEO. "Our company has built incredible assets from satellite, broadband, and streaming technologies, to a fleet of in-home experts and software development. We will continue to leverage those assets to be tuned in to the needs of our customers."

Carlson is a DISH veteran of over 20 years and oversees the company's day-to-day operations including Human Resources, Operations and Information Technology, Media Sales, Marketing, Programming, Acquisition and Retention, Finance and Accounting organizations. Carlson will continue to report to Ergen.

"I want to thank Roger for his leadership over the past eight years, creating and defining the country's first live OTT service," said Ergen. "Roger built a fantastic team that will take Sling TV into the bright future ahead, and I wish Roger the best in his new endeavor."

About Erik Carlson

W. Erik Carlson is DISH's President and Chief Operating Officer, overseeing the company's day-to-day operations including Human Resources, Operations and Information Technology, Media Sales, Marketing, Programming, Product Management, Acquisition and Retention, Finance and Accounting organizations.

A DISH veteran of more than two decades, Erik has held numerous roles throughout the company. Most recently, he served as Executive Vice President of Operations. In this role, he oversaw 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. Prior to that, Erik managed the company's indirect sales operations as Senior Vice President of Retail Services and Sales.

Erik received his undergraduate degree from Bradley University. He enjoys golfing and spending time with his wife and their two children.

About DISH

DISH Network Corp. (NASDAQ:DISH), through its subsidiaries, provides approximately 13.332 million pay-TV subscribers, as of June 30, 2017, with the highest-quality programming and technology with the most choices at the best value. DISH offers a high definition line-up with more than 200 national HD channels, the most international channels and award-winning HD and DVR technology. DISH Network Corporation is a Fortune 200 company. Visit www.dish.com.

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About Sling TV

Sling TV L.L.C. provides over-the-top television services, including general market, Latino and International live and on-demand programming. Sling TV is the number one live over-the-top service based on the number of OTT households as reported by comScore as of April 2017. It is available on smart televisions, tablets, game consoles, computers, smartphones and other streaming devices. Sling TV offers two domestic streaming services that collectively include more than 150 channels and programming content from Disney/ESPN (Sling Orange/single-stream only), Fox (Sling Blue/multi-stream), NBC (Sling Blue/multi-stream), NFL Network, NBA TV, NHL Network, Pac-12 Networks, HBO®, SHOWTIME, STARZ, AMC, A&E, Turner, Scripps, GSN, Hallmark, Viacom, EPIX, AXS and Univision. Additionally, Sling TV offers a suite of standalone and add-on Spanish-language packages and services tailored to English-dominant, bilingual and Spanish-dominant U.S. households. Sling TV also provides more than 300 channels in 22 languages across multiple devices to U.S. households. Visit www.Sling.com.

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