

DISH Network CORP
Form SC TO-C
November 08, 2011

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

(Rule 13e-4)

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Amendment No.)

DISH NETWORK CORPORATION

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Name of Filing Person (Offeror))

Incentive Stock Options to Purchase Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

25470M109

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

R. Stanton Dodge

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(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of the filing person)

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Not applicable

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Not applicable

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- o Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)
 - o Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third Party Tender Offer)
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Attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Schedule TO is an e-mail communication sent on November 8, 2011 to eligible participants announcing that, in order to appropriately reflect the value of the non-recurring dividend declared by DISH Network Corporation (the Company or DISH) on November 1, 2011 in the DISH employee stock incentive plans, the Committee administering the DISH employee stock incentive plans has authorized a decrease of up to \$2.00 per share in the exercise price of existing unexercised and unexpired stock options, as further described in Exhibit 99.1 (the Exchange Program).

This communication does not constitute an offer to holders of the Company s outstanding stock options to exchange those stock options. The Company has the discretion to determine if and when to implement an Exchange Program.

This filing on Schedule TO does not constitute an offer to holders of eligible stock options to exchange such stock options. The Exchange Program has not yet commenced. If an Exchange Program is commenced, DISH will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO with the SEC. Persons who are eligible to participate in the Exchange Program should read the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO and other related materials when those materials become available, as those materials will contain important information about the Exchange Program.

DISH stockholders and option holders will be able to obtain the written materials described above and other documents filed by DISH with the SEC free of charge from the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. In addition, stockholders and option holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed by DISH with the SEC by directing a written request to: DISH Network Corporation, 9601 S. Meridian Boulevard, Englewood, Colorado 80112, Attention: Investor Relations.

Item 12. Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | E-mail communication sent to eligible participants on November 8, 2011. |