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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): April 2, 2004 THE DIRECTV GROUP, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter) DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-26035 52-1106564

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2250 EAST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA ______

90245

(Address of Principal Executive offices)

(Zip Code)

______ (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code

(310) 964-0808

NOT APPLICABLE

______ (Former Name or Former Address, if changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On April 2, 2004, PanAmSat Corporation announced that it had decided to de-orbit its PAS-6 satellite, one of its in-orbit international spares, due to a failure in the satellite's power system. The DIRECTV Group owns 80.5% of PanAmSat. A copy of the press release relating to this announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 Press Release, dated April 2, 2004

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SIGNATURE

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

The DIRECTV Group, Inc.

Date: April 5, 2004 By: /s/ Larry D. Hunter

Name: Larry D. Hunter

Title: Executive Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary

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