ECHELON CORP Form 8-K August 19, 2008

## **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, 2008

# **ECHELON CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of

000-29748 (Commission File Number) 77-0203595 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

incorporation)

550 Meridian Avenue

San Jose, California 95126

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(408) 938-5200

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

#### (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

The Board of Directors of Echelon Corporation (the Company ), together with its Compensation Committee and Audit Committee, has approved an arrangement whereby the Company will reimburse its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, M. Kenneth Oshman, for 50% of the costs incurred by Mr. Oshman for his private plane or charter aircraft travel on Company business. Such costs include flight charges (subject to any discounted rate that may apply), fuel, fuel surcharges, landing fees, crew costs and related expenses. Mr. Oshman from time to time uses his private plane or charter aircraft for Company business for himself and any employees that accompany him. Historically, the Company had reimbursed Mr. Oshman for the cost of first class commercial air travel services for himself and any Company employees who accompanied him on private aircraft travel. Had the newly approved arrangement been in place since the beginning of 2008, the amounts reimbursed by the Company for the first half of this year would have been approximately \$185,000 more than the amount actually reimbursed under the Company s prior arrangement with Mr. Oshman. Future reimbursement amounts will depend on the travel needs of the Company s business. The Audit Committee will review the reimbursement arrangement regularly and in any event at least annually.

#### **SIGNATURES**

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.

ECHELON CORPORATION

By: /s/ Oliver R. Stanfield Oliver R. Stanfield Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 19, 2008