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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Under

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

COMCAST CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

27-0000798
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1500 Market Street

Philadelphia, PA 19102-2148

(215) 665-1700

(Address of principal executive offices)

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COMCAST CORPORATION 2002 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

COMCAST CORPORATION 2005 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

(Full title of the plans)

Arthur R. Block

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Comcast Corporation

1500 Market Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102-2148

(Name and address of agent for service)

(215) 665-1700

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	Amount to be	Proposed	Proposed	Amount of
		maximum offering	maximum aggregate	
Title of securities to be registered	registered (1) (2)	price per unit (1)	offering price(3)	registration fee(3)
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	250,000	\$25.98	\$6,495,000.00	\$694.97

- (1) This registration statement (the "Registration Statement") registers the issuance of 50,000 shares of the Class A Common Stock (the "Common Stock") of Comcast Corporation (the "Registrant"), par value \$0.01, which are issuable pursuant to the Comcast Corporation 2002 Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated (the "2002 Plan") and 200,000 shares of Common Stock which are issuable pursuant to the Comcast Corporation 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan (the "2005 Plan" and, together with the 2002 Plan, the "Plans") of the Registrant.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 416, there shall also be deemed covered hereby such additional shares as may result from anti-dilution adjustments under the Plans and which may hereinafter be offered or issued to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends, recapitalizations or certain other capital adjustments.
- (3) Estimated pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (h) of Rule 457 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee on the basis of the high and low sales prices of shares of Class A Common Stock on the Nasdaq National Market on December 30, 2005.
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PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.

The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants in the Plans as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act. Such documents are not being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission), but constitute, along with the documents incorporated by reference to this Registration Statement, a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

Comcast Corporation (the Registrant) will furnish, without charge, to each person to whom the prospectus is delivered, upon the written or oral request of such person, a copy of any and all of the documents incorporated by reference, other than exhibits to such documents (unless such documents are specifically incorporated by reference to the information that is incorporated). Requests should be directed to: Comcast Corporation, 1500 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102-2148; telephone (215) 665-1700.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, which have been filed by the Registrant with the Commission, are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement:

- (i) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004;
- (ii) Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2005, June 30, 2005 and September 30, 2005; and
- (iii) The Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K and 8-K/A filed with the Commission on January 6, 2005, February 22, 2005, March 11, 2005, March 25, 2005, April 8, 2005, April 26, 2005, May 24, 2005, June 2, 2005, June 6, 2005, August 5, 2005, September 13, 2005, November 10, 2005, November 15, 2005, November 23, 2005 and December 20, 2005.
- (iv) The description of the Common Stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-82460), filed with the Commission on February 11, 2002, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description in which there is described the terms, rights and provisions applicable to the Registrant's Common Stock.

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The Registrant is not incorporating by reference any Form 8-Ks through which it furnished, rather than filed, information with the Commission.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) after the date hereof and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered pursuant to this Registration Statement have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Sections 1741 through 1750 of Subchapter D, Chapter 17, of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988 (the BCL) contain provisions for mandatory and discretionary indemnification of a corporation's directors, officers and other personnel, and related matters.

Under Section 1741, subject to certain limitations, a corporation has the power to indemnify directors and officers under certain prescribed circumstances against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with an action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, to which any of them is a party by reason of his being a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, has no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Under Section 1743, indemnification against expenses actually and reasonably incurred, is mandatory to the extent that the director, officer, employee or agent has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action or proceeding relating to third-party or derivative and corporate actions or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein.

Section 1742 provides for indemnification in derivative and corporate actions except in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which the person has been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the proper court determines upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for the expenses that the court deems proper.

Section 1744 provides that, unless ordered by a court, any indemnification under Section 1741 or 1742 shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that the representative met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in those sections and such determination shall be made: (1) by the board of directors by majority vote of a quorum of directors not parties to the action or proceeding; (2) if a quorum is not obtainable and a majority of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or (3) by the shareholders.

Section 1745 provides that expenses incurred by an officer, director, employee or agent in defending a civil or criminal action or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such person to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation. Advancement of expenses must be authorized by the board of directors.

Section 1746 provides generally that except in any case where the act or failure to act giving rise to the claim for indemnification is determined by the court to have constituted willful misconduct or recklessness, the indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by this Subchapter of the BCL shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which a person seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding that office. Section 1746 also provides that a corporation may create a fund of any nature, which may, but need not be, under the control of a trustee, or otherwise secure or insure in any manner its indemnification obligations.

Section 1747 grants a corporation the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a representative of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a representative of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability incurred by him in any such capacity, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him against that liability under this Subchapter of the BCL.

Sections 1748 and 1749 extend the indemnification and advancement of expenses provisions contained in Sections 1741 through 1750 of the BCL to constituent corporations absorbed in a consolidation, merger or division, as well as the surviving or new corporations surviving or resulting therefrom and to representatives serving as fiduciaries of employee benefit plans.

Section 1750 provides that the indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, Sections 1741 through 1750 of the BCL shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a representative of the corporation and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such person.

Section 7.02 of the Registrant's By-laws provides that the Registrant will indemnify any director or officer of the Registrant to the fullest extent permitted by Pennsylvania law against all expense, liability and loss reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection with any threatened pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (a Proceeding) involving such person by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Registrant or is or was serving at the request or for the benefit of the Registrant in any capacity for another corporation or other enterprise. No indemnification pursuant to Section 7.02 may be made, however, in any case where the act or failure to act giving rise to the claim for indemnification is determined by a court to have constituted willful misconduct or recklessness.

Section 7.02 further provides that the right to indemnification includes the right to have the expenses incurred by the indemnified person in defending any Proceeding paid by the Registrant in advance of the final disposition of the Proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by Pennsylvania law. In addition, Section 7.02 provides that, to the extent that an indemnified person has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any Proceeding or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, the

Registrant shall indemnify such person against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith. Section 7.02 also provides that the Registrant may purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of any person on behalf of whom insurance is permitted to be purchased by Pennsylvania law against any expense, liability or loss whether or not the Registrant would have the power to indemnify such person under Pennsylvania or other law. The Registrant may also purchase and maintain insurance to insure its indemnification obligations, whether arising under the By-laws or otherwise. Furthermore, Section 7.02 states that the Registrant may create a fund of any nature or otherwise may secure in any manner its indemnification obligations, whether arising under the By-laws or otherwise. Indemnification pursuant to Section 7.02 shall continue as to an indemnified person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of his heirs, executors and administrators. The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses provided in or pursuant to Article 7 of the By-laws are not exclusive of any other rights that any person may have or acquire under any provision of the By-Laws or otherwise.

Section 7.03 of the Registrant's By-laws states that the provisions of the By-laws relating to indemnification constitute a contract between the Registrant and each of its directors and officers which may be modified as to any director and officer only with that person's consent or as provided in Section 7.03. Furthermore, any repeal or amendment of the indemnification provisions of the By-laws adverse to any director or officer will apply only on a prospective basis. In addition, no repeal or amendment of the By-laws may affect the indemnification provisions of the By-laws so as either to reduce the limitation of directors' liability or limit indemnification or the advancement of expenses in any manner unless adopted by (a) the unanimous vote of the directors of the Registrant then serving or (b) the affirmative vote of shareholders entitled to cast at least 80% of the votes that all shareholders are entitled to cast in the election of directors, provided that no such amendment will have a retroactive effect inconsistent with the preceding sentence.

Item 7. Exemption From Registration Claimed.

None.

Item 8. Exhibits.

- 5.1 Opinion of Pepper Hamilton LLP.
- 5.2 Opinion of Pepper Hamilton LLP.
- 23.1 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
- 23.2 Consent of Pepper Hamilton LLP (contained in Exhibits 5.1 and 5.2).
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (contained in the signature pages hereto).

Item 9. Undertakings.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase, decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of a prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(h) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective Registration Statement; and

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that clauses (1)(i) and (1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those clauses is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to trustees, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a trustee, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such trustee, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on December 30, 2005.

COMCAST CORPORATION

By: /s/ Arthur R. Block

Name: Arthur R. Block, Senior Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints each of David L. Cohen, Lawrence S. Smith, Arthur R. Block and Lawrence J. Salva his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or either of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Ralph J. Roberts</u> Ralph J. Roberts	Chairman of the Executive and Finance Committee of the Board of Directors; Director	January 3, 2006
<u>/s/ Brian L. Roberts</u> Brian L. Roberts	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer; Director (Principal Executive Officer)	January 3, 2006
<u>/s/ John R. Alchin</u> John R. Alchin	Executive Vice President, Co-Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Co-Principal Financial Officer)	January 3, 2006

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<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Lawrence S. Smith</u> Lawrence S. Smith	Executive Vice President and Co-Chief Financial Officer (Co-Principal Financial Officer)	January 3, 2006
<u>/s/ Lawrence J. Salva</u> Lawrence J. Salva	Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	January 3, 2006
<u>/s/ S. Decker Anstrom</u> S. Decker Anstrom	Director	January 3, 2006
<u>/s/ Kenneth J. Bacon</u> Kenneth J. Bacon	Director	January 3, 2006
<u>/s/ Sheldon M. Bonovitz</u> Sheldon M. Bonovitz	Director	January 3, 2006
<u>/s/ Edward Breen</u> Edward Breen	Director	January 3, 2006
<u>/s/ Julian A. Brodsky</u> Julian A. Brodsky	Director	January 3, 2006
<u>/s/ Joseph J. Collins</u> Joseph J. Collins	Director	January 3, 2006
<u>/s/ J. Michael Cook</u> J. Michael Cook	Director	January 3, 2006
<u>/s/ Dr. Judith Rodin</u> Dr. Judith Rodin	Director	January 3, 2006
<u>/s/ Michael I. Sovern</u> Michael I. Sovern	Director	January 3, 2006
<u>Jeffrey A. Honickman</u>	Director	

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