

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

August 16, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SCHWIMMER MICHAEL S**

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS  
CORP [DISH]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**9601 S. MERIDIAN BOULEVARD**  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**08/12/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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**ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	08/12/2005		M		80,000	A	\$ 6	80,190	D	
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Class A Common Stock								4,720	I	I <u>(1)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6	08/12/2005		M		80,000		<u>(2)</u>	02/17/2009	Class A Common Stock	80,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SCHWIMMER MICHAEL S 9601 S. MERIDIAN BOULEVARD ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	EVP-Programming

## Signatures

Michael S. Schwimmer, by Brandon Ehrhart, his Attorney in  
Fact

08/16/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) By 401(k).

(2) The shares underlying the option vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on February 17, 2000.

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