

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

February 16, 2006

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**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JACKSON MARK W

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 SOUTH MERIDIAN
BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/14/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Pres -- EchoStar Technologies

(Street)
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X 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)
Class A Common Stock	02/14/2006		M ⁽¹⁾	8,666 A \$ 6	9,016	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/14/2006		S ⁽¹⁾	8,666 D \$ 28	350	D	
Class A Common Stock					12,039	I	I ⁽²⁾

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)	8. Price or Value 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	02/14/2006		M ⁽¹⁾	666	⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock	666
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6	02/14/2006		M ⁽¹⁾	8,000	⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

JACKSON MARK W
9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN BOULEVARD
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pres -- EchoStar Technologies

Signatures

/s/ Mark W. Jackson by Robert Rehg, his Attorney In Fact

02/16/2006

__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) The sale reported in this form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

(2) By 401(k).

(3) The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2000.

(4) Each portion of the option expires five years from the date on which that portion of the option first becomes exercisable.

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