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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ERGEN CHARLES W</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 5701 S. Santa Fe Drive <hr/> (Street) Littleton CO 80120 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP</u> [DISH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/13/2003	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	08/13/2003		M		96,000	A	\$6.6	846,402	D	(1)

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.6	08/13/2003		M			16,707	03/31/2000	02/17/2009	Class A Common Stock	16,707	\$6.6	16,666	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.6	08/13/2003		M			79,293	03/31/2000	02/17/2009	Class A Common Stock	79,293	\$6.6	7,334	D	

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ERGEN CANTEY</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 5701 S. SANTA FE DRIVE <hr/> (Street) LITTLETON CO 80120 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)

Explanation of Responses:

1. The reporting persons indirectly own (1) 13,300 shares as custodian for the reporting persons' minor children; (2) 17,994 and 647 shares, respectively, in the EchoStar Communications Corporation 401(k) Employees Savings Plan (for which the reporting persons are the sole trustees of the approximately 1.7 million shares therein), for which the reporting person has dispositive, but not voting, power; and (3) 110

shares in the name of Cantey Ergen.

Remarks:

Charles W. Ergen

08/15/2003

Cantey Ergen

08/15/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* 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).

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