

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Dugan, Michael T.
 5701 South Santa Fe Drive
 Littleton, CO 80120
 U.S.A.
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Echostar Communications Corporation
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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 8/00
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 President - Echostar Technologies Corporation
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Class A Common Stock	8/25/00	M	600	A	\$2.125			
Class A Common Stock	8/25/00	S	600	D	\$45.1875			
Class A Common Stock	8/25/00	M	9,400	A	\$2.125			
Class A Common Stock	8/25/00	S	9,400	D	\$45.375			
Class A Common Stock	8/25/00	M	700	A	\$2.125			
Class A Common Stock	8/25/00	S	700	D	\$45.3125			
Class A Common Stock	8/25/00	M	9,300	A	\$2.125			
Class A Common Stock	8/25/00	S	9,300	D	\$45.00	80,340	D	
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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Amount	A/D	Price						
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.125	8/25/00	M	20,000	D	(2)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	20,000	248,482		

Explanation of Responses:
 (1) On March 8, 2000, the Company issued an additional 60,000 shares of Class A Common Stock to EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401 (k) Employees' Savings Plan (the "Plan"). The number of shares reported in column 5 represents the total number of shares allocated to the reporting person's account through the Plan to date. The reporting person has dispositive, but no voting power with respect to the shares.
 (2) The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vested at the rate of 33.3% per year, commencing on December 31, 1998.
 (3) Each portion of the option expires five years from the date on which that

portion of the option first becomes exercisable.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Michael T. Dugan

DATE

09/01/00