FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ORBAN PAUL W							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [DISH]									Check all ap Dire	plicable)	10%	erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2006									X Officer (give fine Other (specify below) VP and Controller					
(Street) ENGLEWOOD CO 80112 (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
			Table	e I - Non	ı-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Ben	efici	ally Own	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D					Day/Year) Ex		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			(A) or 3, 4 a	nd Secui Benet	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount	(<i>A</i>	A) or D)	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(111501.4)			
Class A C	Common S	Stocl	k		01/03	3/2006	5			S ⁽¹⁾		200		D	\$27	.23	12,529	529 D			
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- 2. By 401(k).

Remarks:

/s/ Paul W. Orban

01/05/2006

** 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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