

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MOSKOWITZ DAVID K</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN BOULEVARD  (Street) ENGLEWOOD CO 80112  (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 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) EVP, Gen Counsel and Sec.
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2004	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 (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	12/07/2004		M		118,000	A	\$2.125	461,970	D	
Class A Common Stock								32,984	I	I <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock								17,333	I	I <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock								8,184	I	I <sup>(3)</sup>
Class A Common Stock								1,328	I	I <sup>(4)</sup>

**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						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.125	12/07/2004		M			14,117	(5)	(6)	Class A Common Stock	14,117	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.125	12/07/2004		M			7,058	(5)	(6)	Class A Common Stock	7,058	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.125	12/07/2004		M			23,704	(7)	(6)	Class A Common Stock	23,704	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.125	12/07/2004		M			7,305	(8)	(6)	Class A Common Stock	7,305	\$0	16,679	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.125	12/07/2004		M			65,816	(9)	(6)	Class A Common Stock	65,816	\$0	78,184	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The shares were contributed by the reporting person to a charitable foundation. The reporting person is a member of the Board of Directors for the charitable foundation and has both investment control and voting power for the foundation. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.
- By 401(k).
- The shares are held by the reporting person in trust for the benefit of the children of Charles W. Ergen, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.
- The shares are being held by the reporting person as custodian for his minor children.
- The shares underlying the option vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on June 20, 1996.
- Each portion of the option expires five years from the date on which that portion of the option first becomes exercisable.

7. The shares underlying the option vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on December 22, 1996.
8. The shares underlying the option vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on August 1, 1997.
9. The shares underlying the option vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on February 12, 1998.

**Remarks:**

David K. Moskowitz

12/14/2004

\*\* 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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