UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(AMENDMENT NO.1) *

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS NEW

(NAME OF ISSUER)

CL A

(TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

278762109

(CUSIP NUMBER)

December 31, 1999

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

X Rule 13d-1(b) Rule 13d-1(c) Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be 'filed' for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ('Act') or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 444,325 (Not to be construed as an admission of beneficial ownership)

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN

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3. SEC USE ONLY		
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	5. SOLE VOTING POWER	40,410
	6. SHARED VOTING POWER	0
	7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	55,210
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AXA Financial, In (formerly know	nc. 13-3623351 vn as The Equitable Companies Ind	corporated)
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIAT	TE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \star	(A) [] (B) [X]
3. SEC USE ONLY		
4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE State of Delaware		
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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: Page 8 of 13 Pages ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS NEW Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: _____ 5701 S. Santa Fe Dr. Littleton, CO 80120 Item 2(a) and (b) Name of Person Filing and Address of Principal Business Office: AXA Conseil Vie Assurance Mutuelle, 100-101 Terrasse Boieldieu 92042 Paris La Defense France AXA Assurances I.A.R.D Mutuelle, and AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle, 21, rue de Chateaudun 75009 Paris France AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle, 26, rue Louis le Grand 75002 Paris France as a group (collectively, the 'Mutuelles AXA'). AXA 9 Place Vendome 75001 Paris France AXA Financial, Inc. (formerly known as The Equitable Companies Incorporated) 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10104 (Please contact Patrick Meehan at (212) 314-5644 with any questions.)

- Item 2(c) Citizenship: Mutuelles AXA and AXA - France AXA Financial, Inc. - Delaware
- Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities: CL A $\,$
- Item 2(e) CUSIP Number: 278762109
- Item 3. Type of Reporting Person: AXA Financial, Inc. as a parent holding company, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G)

The Mutuelles AXA, as a group, acting as a parent holding company.

AXA as a parent holding company.

Item 4. Ownership as of December 31, 1999: (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 444,325 shares of common stock beneficially owned including:

		. of Shares
The Mutuelles AXA, as a group AXA		0 0
AXA Entity or Entities: AXA Financial, Inc.		0
Subsidiaries:		
Alliance Capital Management L.P. acquired solely for investment purposes on behalf of client discretionary investment advisory accounts:		
Common Stock	9,700	9,700
Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporatio held for investment purposes: Common Stock Shares issuable upon conversion of Convertible Debentures	n 184,595 222,030	406 , 625
Wood, Struthers & Winthrop Management Corporation acquired solely for investment purposes on behalf of client discretionary investment advisory accounts: Common Stock		28,000
Total		444,325
Each of the Mutuelles AXA, as a group, and AXA exp filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed is, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange any securities covered by this Schedule 13G.	ressly decla as an admis	sion that it

Each of the above subsidiaries of AXA Financial, Inc. operates under independent management and makes independent decisions.

(b) Percent of Class:

0.4%

(c) Deemed Voting Power and Disposition Power:

		(ii) Deemed to have Shared Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote	Sole Power to Dispose or to Direct the	to Dispose or to
The Mutuelles AXA, as a group AXA	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
AXA Entity or Entities: NONE				
AXA Financial, Inc	0	0	0	0
Subsidiaries:				
Alliance Capital Management L.P. Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette	2,400	0	9,700	0
Securities Corporation	10,010	0	17,510	389,115
Wood, Struthers & Winthrop Management Corporation	28,000	0	28,000	0
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TOTAL =	40,410	0	55,210	389,115 ======

Each of the above subsidiaries of AXA Financial, Inc. operates under independent management and makes independent voting and investment decisions.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on behalf of Another Person. N/A $\,$

Item 7.

Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reporting on by the Parent Holding Company:

This Schedule 13G is being filed by AXA Financial, Inc.; AXA, which beneficially owns a majority interest in AXA Financial, Inc.; and the Mutuelles AXA, which as a group control AXA:

- in the Mutuelles AXAs' capacity, as a group, acting as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of the following AXA entity or entities;
- () in AXA's capacity as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of the following AXA entity or entities:
- (X) in AXA Financial, Inc.'s capacity as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of its following subsidiaries:
 - (X) Alliance Capital Management L.P. (13-3434400), an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
 - (X) Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation (13-2741729), a broker-dealer registered under Section 15 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
 - (X) Wood, Struthers & Winthrop Management Corporation (13-2774791), an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group. N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 10, 2000

AXA FINANCIAL, INC.*

/s/ Alvin H. Fenichel Senior Vice President and Controller

*Pursuant to the Joint Filing Agreement with respect to Schedule 13G attached hereto as Exhibit I, among AXA Financial, Inc., AXA Conseil Vie Assurance Mutuelle, AXA Assurances I.A.R.D Mutuelle, AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle, AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle, and AXA, this statement Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of them. Each of the undersigned hereby agrees that the Schedule 13G filed herewith is filed jointly, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(f)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended on behalf of each of them.

Dated: February 10, 2000

AXA Financial, Inc.

BY: /s/ Alvin H. Fenichel

Alvin H. Fenichel Senior Vice President and Controller

AXA Assurances I.A.R.D. Mutuelle; AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle; AXA Conseil Vie Assurance Mutuelle; AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle, as a group, and AXA

Signed on behalf of each of the above entities

BY: /s/ Alvin H. Fenichel Alvin H. Fenichel Attorney-in-Fact (Executed pursuant to Powers of Attorney)