

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 4  
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  
McDonnell, Michael R.  
5701 South Santa Fe Drive  
Littleton, CO 80120  
USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EchoStar Communications Corporation  
DISH

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)  
Chief Financial Officer

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		3. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)				4.Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	5.Dir ect (D) or Indir ect(I)	6.Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
	Date	Code	V	Amount	A/ D	Price				
Class A Common Stock	8/28/00	P		100	A	\$45.375	400		D	
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Table II -- Derivative Securites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned													
1.Title of Derivative Security	2.Con- version or Exer- cise Price of Deriva- tive Secu- rity	3. Transaction  Date	4.  Code	5.Number of De rivative Secu rities Acqui red(A) or Dis posed of(D)  Amount	6.Date Exer cisable and Expiration Date(Month/ Day/Year) Date Expir- ation Date ble	7.Title and Amount of Underlying Securities  Title and Number of Shares	8.Price of Deri vative Secu rity	9.Number of Deriva tive Secu rities Benefi cially Owned at End of Month	10. Dir ect (D) or Ind irect Own ership ct (I)	11.Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			

Explanation of Responses:  
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
/s/ Michael R. McDonnell  
DATE  
09/05/00