

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Paul, Orban W.
 5701 S. Santa Fe Drive
 Littleton, CO 80120
 USA
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
 11/8/02
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EchoStar Communications Corporation
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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other
 (specify below)
 Vice President and Controller
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Class A Common Stock	29,988	D	
Class A Common Stock	2,614	I	(1)
Class A Common Stock	1,357	D	(2)
Class A Common Stock	150	D	(3)

Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4) (8)	Class A Common Stock	3,632 \$2.75	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5) (8)	Class A Common Stock	3,328 \$3.00	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6) (9)	Class A Common Stock	16,000 \$6.00	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6) (9)	Class A Common Stock	6,400 \$10.20315	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(7) (9)	Class A Common Stock	5,000 \$17.30	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The number of shares reported in column 2 represents the balance in the reporting person's account through the EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401(k) Employees' Savings Plan to date. The reporting person has dispositive, but no voting power with respect to the shares.
- (2) The number of shares in column 2 represents the balance in the reporting person's EchoStar Communications Corporation's 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan account to date.
- (3) The shares are held by the reporting person as custodian for minor relatives.
- (4) The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 1999.
- (5) The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on September 30, 1999.
- (6) The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2000.
- (7) The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on September 30, 2003.
- (8) Each portion of the option expires five years from the date on which that portion of the option first becomes exercisable.
- (9) The option expires ten years from the date of grant.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
Paul W. Orban

DATE

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