

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  
Jackson, Mark W.  
5701 South Santa Fe Drive  
Littleton, CO 80120  
U.S.A.

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  
1/00

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)  
Senior Vice President - Satellite Services Division

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 Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Amount	A/D	Price					
Class A Common Stock	1/28/00	A	V10	A	(1)	170	D			
						2,844	I	(2)		

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												
1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership		
						Title and Number of Shares						

Explanation of Responses:  
(1) The shares were awarded without cost to the reporting person, pursuant to the 1999 Launch Bonus Plan of the Company for past services to the Company.  
(2) On March 19, 1999, the Company issued an additional 65,000 shares of Class A Common Stock to EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401(k) Employees' Savings Plan (the "Plan"). The number of shares reported in column 5 represents the total number of shares allocated to the reporting person's account through the Plan to date. The reporting person has dispositive, but no voting power with respect to the shares.