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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ERGEN CHARLES W</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) _____ (Street) _____ (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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>Chairman and CEO</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/13/2003	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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	05/13/2003		S		49,425	D	32.08	750,402	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/14/2003		S		150,575	D	32.08	13,300	I	I <sup>(1)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	05/15/2003		S		50,000	D	31.83	17,825	I	I <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	05/15/2003		S		0	D	0	511	I	I <sup>(2)</sup>
Class A Common Stock	05/15/2003		S		0	D	0	110	I	I <sup>(3)</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					

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  
ERGEN CHARLES W  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  
ERGEN CANTEY  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The shares are held as custodian for the reporting persons' minor children..
- During March 2000, the Company issued additional shares of Class A Common Stock to EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401(k) Employees' Savings Plan (the "Plan"). The reporting persons are the sole trustees of the Plan, which currently has approximately 1.2 million shares. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares in the Plan. The number of shares reported in column 2 represents the total number of shares allocated to the reporting person's account through the Plan to date. The reporting person has dispositive power, but no voting power with respect to the shares in this account.
- The shares are in the name of Ms. Cantey Ergen.

[Charles W. Ergen](#)

[05/15/2003](#)

[Cantey Ergen](#)

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\*\* 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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