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 Schaver, Steven B. 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

5/31/01

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 Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer

Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person

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## Explanation of Responses:

(1) The shares were awarded without cost to the reporting person, pursuant to the 2000 Launch Bonus Plan of the Company for past services to the Company. For tax purposes, the shares

were priced as of April 30, 2001, but were not distributed until the beginning

(2) 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 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.

- (3) The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on February 12, 1998.
- (4) Each portion of the option expires five years from the date on which that portion of the option first becomes exercisable. SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Steven B. Schaver

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