

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Messier, Jean-Marie
 375 Park Avenue
 New York, NY 10152
 USA
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
 1/22/02
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)
 Outside Director
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
No securities beneficially owned (1)			

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 Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Mr. Messier is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Vivendi Universal, and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Groupe Canal+, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vivendi Universal. Financiere De Videocommunication is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Groupe Canal+, and the owner of record of 5,760,479 shares of Series D Preferred Stock of EchoStar Communications Corporation. Each share of Series D Preferred Stock is immediately convertible into 10 shares of Class A Common Stock of EchoStar.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Jean-Marie Messier

DATE

1/31/02