

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SCHAVER STEVEN B</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN BOULEVARD  (Street) ENGLEWOOD CO 80112  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [ DISH ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  X <b>President, EIC</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/12/2004	
	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	11/12/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>		22,465	A	\$2.125	22,815	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/12/2004		S <sup>(1)</sup>		22,465	D	\$32.5	350	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/15/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>		165,147	A	\$2.125	165,497	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/15/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>		19,391	A	\$2.125	184,888	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/15/2004		S <sup>(1)</sup>		184,538	D	\$32.6	350	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/15/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>		43,632	A	\$2.75	43,982	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/15/2004		S <sup>(1)</sup>		43,632	D	\$32.6	350	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/16/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>		30,000	A	\$6	30,350	D	
Class A Common Stock								16,294	I	I <sup>(2)</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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.125	11/12/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>			22,465	(3)	(7)	Class A Common Stock	22,465	\$0	165,147	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.125	11/15/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>			165,147	(3)	(7)	Class A Common Stock	165,147	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.125	11/15/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>			19,391	(4)	(7)	Class A Common Stock	19,391	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.75	11/15/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>			43,632	(5)	(7)	Class A Common Stock	43,632	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6	11/16/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>			30,000	(6)	(7)	Class A Common Stock	30,000	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The exercise and sale reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- By 401(k).
- The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 1998.
- The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on December 31, 1996.

5. The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 1999.
6. The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2000.
7. Each portion of the option expires five years from the date on which that portion of the option first becomes exercisable.

**Remarks:**

Steven B. Schaver

11/16/2004

\*\* 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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