

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
 Orban, Paul W.
 5701 S. Santa Fe Drive
 Littleton, CO 80120
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EchoStar Communications Corporation
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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 03/18/03
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 () Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) (X) Other
 (specify below)
 Vice President and Controller
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	03/17/03	S (1)	4,000	D	30.00	25,988	D	(1)
Class A Common Stock						2,614	I	(2)
Class A Common Stock						119	D	(3)

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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) The number of shares reported in column 5 represents the balance in the reporting person's account through the EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401(k) Employees' Savings Plan to date. The reporting person has dispositive, but no voting power with respect to the shares.
- (3) The number of shares in column 5 represents the balance in the reporting person's account through EchoStar Communications Corporation's Employee Stock Purchase Plan to date.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Paul W. Orban

DATE

3/18/03