FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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			n 16(a) of the Securities Exchange of the Investment Company Act of					
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Ergen 2005 Five Year GRAT dated  November 9 2005	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/09/2005		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [ DISH ]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director		r (M	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
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(Street) ENGLEWOOD CO 80112	_		Joint Filing Group			Form filed by One Reporting Person  X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)								
	Table I - N	on-Deriva	ative Securities Beneficia	ally Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect ( (Instr. 5)	t (D) (Ins	lature of Indirect str. 5)	Beneficial Ownership	
			ve Securities Beneficiall ants, options, convertib		s)			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security		or Indirect	
Class B Common Stock	(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	12,500,000	(1)	D <sup>(2)(3)</sup>		
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(Street) ENGLEWOOD CO 801	.12	_						
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(Last) (First) (Mid 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.	ddle)							
(Street) ENGLEWOOD CO 801	.12							
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*								

Ergen 2005 Three Year GRAT dated November 9

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9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.

2005

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ENGLEWOOD	CO	80112					
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Ergen 2005 Two Year GRAT dated November 9							
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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)					
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(0)							
(Street)	60	00440					
ENGLEWOOD	CO	80112					
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each Grantor Retained Annunity Trust ("GRAT") may elect into convert any or all of its Class B shares to an equal number of Class A shares at any time for no additional consideration.
- 2. Held by the Ergen Five Year GRAT dated November 9, 2005
- 3. There is no formal agreement to vote or dispose of the shares owned by each GRAT in a particular manner. The dispositive and voting power of the shares held by each of the GRATs is made independent of each other, except to the extent that Mr. David K. Moskowitz is the trustee of each of the GRATs and in that respect is able to control the disposition and voting of the shares of Class B Common Stock owned by each such GRAT.
- 4. Held by the Ergen Four Year GRAT dated November 9, 2005
- 5. Held by the Ergen Three Year GRAT dated November 9, 2005
- 6. Held by the Ergen Two Year GRAT dated November 9, 2005

## Remarks:

David K. Moskowitz, Trustee of the Ergen Five Year GRAT 11/21/2005 dated November 9, 2005 David K. Moskowitz, Trustee of the Ergen Four Year GRAT dated November 9, 2005 David K. Moskowitz, Trustee of the Ergen Three Year GRAT 11/21/2005 dated November 9, 2005 David K. Moskowitz, Trustee of the Ergen Two Year GRAT 11/21/2005 dated November 9, 2005 \*\* 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 5 (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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of EchoStar Communications Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in=-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 16, day of November, 2005.

/s/ David K. Moskowitz Signature

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