

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

EchoStar Communications Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State of Incorporation or Organization) 88-0336997
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

90 Inverness Circle East
Englewood, Colorado 80112
(Address of Principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered	Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered
None	None

If this form related to the registration of a class of debt securities and is effective upon filing pursuant to General Instruction A.(c)(1), please check the following box. / /

If this form related to the registration of a class of debt securities and is to become effective simultaneously with the effectiveness of a concurrent registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 pursuant to General Instruction A.(c)(2), please check the following box. / /

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

___ % Series C Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock
(Title of class)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 1. DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED.

Incorporated by reference to the description of the ___% Series C Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 as filed with the Commission on October 14, 1997 and amended October 29, 1997 (Registration No. 333-37683)

ITEM 2. EXHIBITS

1. Form of ___% Series C Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock Certificate of Designation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.19 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 as filed with the Commission on October 14, 1997 and amended October 29, 1997 (Registration No. 333-37683)

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

EchoStar Communications Corporation

Date: October 29, 1997

By: /s/ David K. Moskowitz

David K. Moskowitz, Senior Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary