

FORM 4
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
Kothari, Purvish
5701 South Santa Fe Drive
Littleton, CO 80120
U.S.A.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EchoStar Communications Corporation
DISH

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year
1/00

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
() Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
(specify below)
Chief Information Officer and Senior Vice President of Information Technology

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		3. Date	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	1/28/00	A	V	10	A	(1)	10	D		
							255	D	(2)	

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	4. Date	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	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 shares were awarded without cost to the reporting person, pursuant to the 1999 Launch Bonus Plan of the Company for past services to the Company.
(2) The number of shares in column 5 represents the total number of shares purchased by the reporting person through EchoStar Communications Corporation's 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan to date.