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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* DUGAN MICHAEL T					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP DISH]								k all applical Director	all applicable)		g Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(F	First)	(Middle)		3. Date 05/12/	of Earliest Transa 2003	ay/Year)	X	below)		Other (spelow) t and C.O.O.		јеспу					
(Street)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2003								ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)										Form filed by More than One Reporting Perso					
		1	able I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative S	ecurities Acc	uired,	Dis	posed of	or Be	nefi	cially (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. Securitie Disposed C				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
							Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or 1	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(msu. 4)	
Class A Common Stock				05/12/2003			M		15,813	A		2.125	0(1)			D		
Class A Common Stock			05/12	/2003		S		15,813	Г		32.584	0		D				
Class A Common Stock			05/12	/2003		M		48,489	A		2.125	0			D			
Class A Common Stock			05/12	/2003		S		48,489	Γ		32.527	0			D			
Class A Common Stock			05/12	/2003		M		28,224	A		2.125	0			D			
Class A Common Stock		05/12	/2003		S		28,224	1		32.565	0			D				
Class A (Common Sto	ock		05/12	/2003		М		107,628	B A		2.125	0			D		
Class A Common Stock		05/12/2003			S		107,628	В		32.537	0		D					
Class A Common Stock			05/12/2003			M		49,846	A		2.125	110,350		D				
Class A Common Stock 05/1			05/12	/2003		S		49,846	Γ		32.548	17,0	17		I :	(2)		
						curities Acqu lls, warrants,							wned					
1. Title of Derivative Conversion Date Sa. Deemed Execution Date, Tra			4. Tran	saction e (Instr.	5. Number of 6. Derivative Ex	Date Exemplify piration onth/Day	rcisab Date			and A rities ing ve Se	mount	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	erivative derivativ ecurity Securitie		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		

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	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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	2.125	05/12/2003		М			15,813	12/20/1996 ⁽³⁾	12/20/2006 ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock	15,813	\$2.125	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	2.125	05/12/2003		М			48,489	08/01/1997 ⁽⁵⁾	08/01/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock	48,489	\$2.125	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	2.125	05/12/2003		М			28,224	12/31/1997 ⁽⁶⁾	12/31/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock	28,224	\$2.125	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	2.125	05/13/2003		М			49,846	02/12/1998 ⁽⁶⁾	02/12/2008 ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock	49,846	\$2.125	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to	2.125	05/12/2003		М			107,628	12/31/1997 ⁽⁷⁾	12/31/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	Class A Common Stock	107,628	\$2.125	407,520	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. A summary of the reporting person's holdings is included below.
- 2. On March 8, 2000, the Company issued an additional 60,000 shares of Class A Common Stock to EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401(k) Employees' Savings Plan (the "Plan"). The number of shares reported in column 5 represents the total number of shares allocated to the reporting person's account through the Plan to date. The reporting person has dispositive, but no voting power with respect to the shares.
- 3. The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on December 20, 1996.

4. Each portion of the option expires five years from the date on which that portion of the option first becomes exercisable.

- 5. The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on August 1, 1997.
- 6. The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on February 12, 1998.
- 7. The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on December 31, 1997.

Michael T. Dugan

05/16/2003

** 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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