

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ERGEN CHARLES W</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. <hr/> (Street) ENGLEWOOD CO 80112 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [DISH]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman and CEO</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/09/2006	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock								214,027	D	
Class A Common Stock								235	I	I ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock								350,000	I	I ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock								16,800	I	I ⁽³⁾
Class A Common Stock								18,411	I	I ⁽⁴⁾
Class A Common Stock								923	I	I ⁽⁵⁾

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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				
Class B Common Stock	(6)	11/09/2006		G ⁽⁷⁾	V		10,370,241	(6)	(6)	Class A Common Stock	10,370,241	(6)	39,629,759	I ⁽⁷⁾	I
Class B Common Stock	(6)	11/09/2006		G ⁽⁷⁾	V	10,370,241		(6)	(6)	Class A Common Stock	10,370,241	(6)	198,805,449	D	

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
ERGEN CHARLES W

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.

 (Street)
 ENGLEWOOD CO 80112

 (City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
ERGEN CANTEY

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
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 (Street)
 ENGLEWOOD CO 80112

 (City) (State) (Zip)

Explanation of Responses:

- Held by Ms. Cantey Ergen.
- Held by a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust ("GRAT"). The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
- The shares are held by a custodian for the reporting persons' minor children. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
- Held by Mr. Charlie Ergen in a 401(k) account.
- Held by Ms. Cantey Ergen in a 401(k) account.
- The holder of the shares of Class B stock, either Charles. W. Ergen or each GRAT, may elect to convert any or all of their Class B shares into an equal number of Class A shares at any time for no additional consideration.

7. On November 9, 2005, the reporting persons established four GRATs, contributing 12,500,000 Class B shares to each, resulting in the transfer of a total of 50,000,00 Class B Shares. Pursuant to the terms of the Ergen Two-Year GRAT, 4,362,261 shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 9, 2006 with the Ergen Two-Year GRAT retaining 8,137,739 shares. Pursuant to the terms of the Ergen Three-Year GRAT, 2,710,266 shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 9, 2006 with the Ergen-Three Year GRAT retaining 9,789,734 shares. Pursuant to the terms of the Ergen-Four Year GRAT, 1,891,568 shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 9, 2006 with the Ergen Four-Year GRAT retaining 10,608,432 shares. Pursuant to the terms of the Ergen Five-Year GRAT, 1,406,146 shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 9, 2006 with the Ergen Five-Year GRAT retaining 11,093,854 shares.

Remarks:

/s/ Charles W. Ergen, by David K. Moskowitz, his Attorney in Fact 11/13/2006

/s/ Cantey M. Ergen, by David K. Moskowitz, her Attorney in Fact 11/13/2006

** 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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