FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* DAINES O NOLAN | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [DISH] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify | | | Owner | |
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| | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2005 | | | | | | X Office (give title Office (specify below) EVPBroadbrand | | | | | |
| (Street) ENGLEWOOD CO 80112 | | | 80112 | 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | Line | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) | | | | 5. Amour Securities Beneficia Owned For Reported | s Formula (D) (ollowing (I) (I | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | / Amour | t (A) (C) | Price | Transacti (Instr. 3 a | ion(s) | | (1130.4) | |
| 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/Yea | Code (| Transaction Dode (Instr. S) A | | Derivative E | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | Ownersh Form: y Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | n(s) | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$30.16 | 06/30/2005 | | A | | 100,000 | | (1) | 06/30/201 | Class A Common Stock | 100,000 | \$0 | 100,000 |) D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vests at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on June 30, 2006.

Remarks:

/s/ O. Nolan Daines 07/01/2005

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** 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).

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

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of David K. Moskowitz, Robert F. Rehg, Scott L. Novak, and Nicholas Sayeedi singing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (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.

The undersigned herby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersignedacknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at

the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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 11, day of March, 2003.

/s/ Nolan Daines Signature

Nolan Daines

Print Name