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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities
 Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the
 Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

News America Incorporated (1)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1211 Avenue of the Americas

(Street)

New York New York 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person, if an entity
 (voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year 9/00

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

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

Director Officer 10% Owner Other
 (give title below) (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (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 at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	9/6/00	S		7,000,000(2)	D	\$49.00	26,021,168	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If this form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v). (Over)

Joint Filer Information

Name: The News Corporation Limited

Address: 2 Holt Street
Sydney, New South Wales 2010
Australia

Designated Filer: News America Incorporated

Date of Event Requiring Statement: 9/6/00

Issuer and Ticker or Trading Symbol: EchoStar Communications Corporation
("DISH")

Signature: THE NEWS CORPORATION LIMITED

By: /s/ Arthur M. Siskind

Name: Arthur M. Siskind
Title: Director

Name: K. Rupert Murdoch

Address: 10201 West Pico Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Designated Filer: NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED

Date of Event Requiring Statement: 9/6/00

Issuer and Ticker or Trading Symbol: EchoStar Communications Corporation
("DISH")

Signature:

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K. Rupert Murdoch

*By: /s/ Arthur M. Siskind

Arthur M. Siskind
Attorney-in-Fact