

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
 Orban, Paul W.
 5701 S. Santa Fe Drive
 Littleton, CO 80120
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EchoStar Communications Corporation
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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 4/2/03
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 () Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) (X) Other
 (specify below)
 Vice President and Controller
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 Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Class A Common Stock	3/31/03	M	3,632	A 2.75			
Class A Common Stock	3/31/03	M	8,000	A 6.00			
Class A Common Stock	3/31/03	M	3,200	A 10.20315	40,820	D	
Class A Common Stock					2,614	I	(1)
Class A Common Stock					119	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 Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Date (Month/Day/Year) A/Exercisable Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$28.88	3/31/03	A	2,500	(3) 3/31/2013	Class A Comm on Stock	2,500	2,500	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.75	3/31/03	M	3,632	(4) (6)	Class A Comm on Stock	3,632	0		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$6.00	3/31/03	M	8,000	(5) 2/17/2009	Class A Comm on Stock	8,000	8,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.20315	3/31/03	M	3,200	(5) 3/31/2009	Class A Comm on Stock	3,200	3,200	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The number of shares reported represents the balance in the reporting person's account through the EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401(k) Employees' Savings Plan to date. The reporting person has dispositive, but no voting power with respect to the shares.
- (2) The number of shares reported represents the balance in the reporting person's account through EchoStar Communications Corporation's Employee Stock Purchase Plan to date.
- (3) The shares underlying the option listed vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2004.
- (4) The shares underlying the option listed vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 1999.
- (5) The shares underlying the option listed vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2000.
- (6) Each portion of the option expires five years from the date on which that

portion of the option becomes exercisable.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Paul W. Orban

DATE

4/2/2003