FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DEFRANCO JAMES</u>				EC	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2007										X	belov	below)		ow)	specify	
reet) NGLEWOOD CO 80112 ity) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										,				
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Class A Common Stock				02/07/2007					S ⁽¹⁾		10,000	0,000		\$43	1.59 3,		780,062 D			
Common St	ock			02/07	/2007				S ⁽¹⁾		7,868		D	\$42	2.17	3,7	72,752	D		
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Class A Common Stock														8,183		I		I ⁽³⁾		
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Class A Common Stock														18,413		I]	I ⁽⁵⁾		
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- 2. The shares are held by the reporting person in an irrevocable trust for the benefit of the reporting person's minor children and grandchildren. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{3}}.$ The shares are being held by the reporting person as custodian for his minor children.
- 4. The shares are held by DeFranco Investments Co., Ltd., a general partnership, of which the reporting person is sole general partner.
- 5. By 401(k).

Remarks:

/s/ James DeFranco, by Robert 02/09/2007 Rehg, his Attorney in Fact

** 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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