

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DUGAN MICHAEL T</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN BOULEVARD</u> (Street) <u>ENGLEWOOD CO 80112</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP</u> [<u>DISH</u>] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/16/2004</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/16/2004 | | M | | 30,000 | A | \$2.125 | 140,350 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/16/2004 | | S | | 10,000 | D | \$31.23 | 130,350 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/16/2004 | | S | | 10,000 | D | \$31.21 | 120,350 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/16/2004 | | S | | 10,000 | D | \$31.2 | 110,350 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | | 17,654 | I | I ⁽³⁾ |

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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$2.125 | 08/16/2004 | | M | | | 30,000 | (1) | (2) | Class A Common Stock | 30,000 | \$0 | 260,148 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on December 31, 1998.
- Each portion of the option expires five years from the date on which that portion of the option first becomes exercisable.
- By 401(k)

Remarks:

Michael T. Dugan 08/17/2004
 ** 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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