

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

Kelly, Michael  
5701 S. Santa Fe Drive  
Littleton, CO 80120  
USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

EchoStar Communications Corporation  
DISH

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

4/2/2003

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

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

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

Senior Vice President of DISH Network Service Corporation

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. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Director or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Director or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$28.88	3/31/2003	A	60,000	A (1) 3/31/2013	Class A Common Stock	60,000	60,000	D	
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2004.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Michael Kelly

DATE

4/2/03