

DUGAN MICHAEL T
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 DUGAN MICHAEL T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [DISH]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/14/2006

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

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006		M ⁽¹⁾		5,000 A \$ 6	5,430	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		5,000 D \$ 38.58	430	D
Class A Common Stock						2,925	I I ⁽²⁾

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6	12/14/2006		M ⁽¹⁾	5,000	⁽³⁾ 02/17/2009	Class A Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DUGAN MICHAEL T 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	X			Chief Technology Advisor

Signatures

/s/ Michael T. Dugan, by Brandon Ehrhart, his Attorney in Fact

12/18/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

(2) By 401(k).

(3) The shares underlying the option vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2000.

(4) In a previous Form 4, filed on May 22, 2003, this number was incorrectly reported as 7,334, instead of 40,666.

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