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September 06, 2001

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

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

Ergen, Cantey

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

8/1/01

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

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

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

(specify below)

Outside Director

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
Class A Common Stock	8/1/01	J (1)	27,248	A \$2.125 (1) 901,253
				110
				4,800
				511
				17,825

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Percentage of Class
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(1) The shares were issued upon exercise of an employee stock option by the reporting persons spouse and are held in the name of the reporting person's spouse.

(3) The shares are held by the reporting person as custodian for the reporting person's minor children.

(5) During March 2000, the Company issued additional shares of Class A Common Stock to EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401(k) Employees' Savings Plan (the "Plan"). The number of shares reported in column 2 represents the total number of shares allocated to the account of the reporting person's spouse through the Plan to date.

/s/ Cantev Ergen

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