

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

August 16, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SCHWIMMER MICHAEL S

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 BOULEVARD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/12/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
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ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Class A Common Stock	08/12/2005		M	80,000 A \$ 6	80,190	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/12/2005		S	80,000 D \$ 31.006	190	D	
Class A Common Stock					4,720	I	I <u>(1)</u>

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6	08/12/2005		M		80,000		<u>(2)</u>	02/17/2009	Class A Common Stock	80,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SCHWIMMER MICHAEL S 9601 S. MERIDIAN BOULEVARD ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	EVP-Programming

Signatures

Michael S. Schwimmer, by Brandon Ehrhart, his Attorney in
Fact

08/16/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) By 401(k).

(2) The shares underlying the option vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on February 17, 2000.

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