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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading JACKSON MARK W Issuer Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS (Check all applicable) CORP [DISH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 9601 S. MERIDIAN BOULEVARD 03/07/2006 Pres -- EchoStar Technologies (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3.

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class A $A^{(1)}$ Common D 03/07/2006 65 Α (2)415 Stock Class A Common 12,816 I $I^{(3)}$ Stock

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)

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Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secur
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							Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

JACKSON MARK W 9601 S. MERIDIAN BOULEVARD ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

Pres -- EchoStar Technologies

Signatures

/s/ Mark W. Jackson by Brandon Ehrhart, his Attorney in Fact

03/17/2006

**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) Award granted for no consideration to all eligible employees upon achievement of a Company milestone.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) By 401(k).

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