

DEFRANCO JAMES  
Form 4  
December 29, 2005

**FORM 4**

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

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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DEFRANCO JAMES

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

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CORP [DISH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN  
BOULEVARD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/25/2005

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
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. 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	10/25/2005		G	V	800	D	\$ 0 4,764,402
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2005		G	V	500	D	\$ 0 4,763,902
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2005		G	V	500	D	\$ 0 4,763,402
Class A							7,408
						I	I <sup>(1)</sup>

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Common  
Stock

Class A  
Common  
Stock

2,250,000 I I <sup>(2)</sup>

Class A  
Common  
Stock

18,141 I I <sup>(3)</sup>

Class A  
Common  
Stock

50,000 I I <sup>(4)</sup>

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEFRANCO JAMES 9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN BOULEVARD ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	X		Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ James  
DeFranco

12/22/2005

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* 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 shares are being held by the reporting person as custodian for his minor children.
- (2) The shares are held by DeFranco Investments Co., Ltd., a general partnership, of which the reporting person is the sole general partner.
- (3) By 401(k).
- (4) The shares are held by the reporting person in an irrevocable trust for the benefit of the reporting person's minor children and grandchildren. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.

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