

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

January 06, 2005

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

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Section 16.  
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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ORBAN PAUL W

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)

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/30/2004

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
VP and Controller

6. 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 11/30/2004                              |   | M                                    | 3,200 A   | \$ 10.203 25,235   | D  |   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 11/30/2004                              |   | M                                    | 2,000 A   | \$ 17.3 27,235   | D  |   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 01/04/2005                              |   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 180 D   | \$ 33.21 27,055  | D  |   |
| Class A<br>Common                     |   |   |                                      |   | 2,934  | I  | I <sup>(2)</sup>  |

Stock

Class A

Common

Stock

607

I

I <sup>(3)</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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    | 8. Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |       |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|-----|---|--------------------|---|-------|
|   |   |   |   | Code                                    | V   | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                     |       |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 10.203   | 11/30/2004                              |   | M                                       |   | 3,200  |     | <u>(4)</u>  | 03/31/2009         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                | 3,200 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 17.3   | 11/30/2004                              |   | M                                       |   | 2,000  |     | <u>(5)</u>  | 09/30/2012         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                | 2,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| ORBAN PAUL W<br>9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.<br>ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112 |               |           | VP and Controller |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Paul W.  
Orban

01/06/2005

\_\_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 sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

(2) By 401(k).

(3) By company Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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

(5) The shares underlying the option vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on September 30, 2003.

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