

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

October 12, 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 \*  
ERGEN CHARLES 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 SOUTH MERIDIAN  
BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/30/2005

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify  
Chairman and CEO

(Street)  
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. 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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.57	09/30/2005	A		900,000		<u>(1)</u>	09/30/2015	Class A Common Stock	900,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ERGEN CHARLES W 9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN BOULEVARD ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	X	X	Chairman and CEO	
ERGEN CANTEY 9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN BOULEVARD ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	X			

## Signatures

Charles W. Ergen, by Robert F. Reh, his Attorney in Fact 10/12/2005

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Cantey M. Ergen, by Robert F. Rehg, her Attorney in Fact	10/12/2005
**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 grant is subject to achievement of certain performance criteria, and will vest at the rate of 10% per year commencing September 30, 2006 until September 30, 2009, and then at the rate of 20% per year thereafter.

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