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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

obligations

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

MOSKOWITZ DAVID K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS

CORP [DISH]

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

12/31/2005

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

EVP, Gen Counsel and Sec

X__ 10% Owner

Other (specify

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2005

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9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN

BOULEVARD

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Director

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	B) A C	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	Amo Num Shar
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.18	12/31/2005		A	3	300,000		12/31/2005(1)	12/31/2015	Class A Common Stock	300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
coporting of their runner, radiation	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MOSKOWITZ DAVID K							
9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN BOULEVARD	X	X	EVP, Gen Counsel and Sec				
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112							

Signatures

/s/ David K.
Moskowitz
01/04/2006

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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 underlying the option were 100% vested upon the date of grant.

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