

Discovery Communications, Inc.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Zaslav David

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Discovery Communications, Inc.
[DISCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/17/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer & Pres

ONE DISCOVERY PLACE

(Street)

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

SILVER SPRING, MD 20910

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Series A Common Stock	01/17/2017 ⁽¹⁾		M		\$ 26.38	D	
Series A Common Stock	01/17/2017 ⁽¹⁾		D		\$ 27.69	D	
Series A Common Stock	01/17/2017 ⁽¹⁾		D		\$ 27.69	D	
Series A Common	01/17/2017 ⁽¹⁾		F		\$ 27.81	D	

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Stock

Series C Common Stock	01/17/2017 ⁽⁵⁾	M	289,270	A	\$ 25.17	1,096,741	D
Series C Common Stock	01/17/2017 ⁽⁵⁾	D	216,952 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 27.03	879,789	D
Series C Common Stock	01/17/2017 ⁽⁵⁾	D	67,342 <u>(3)</u>	D	\$ 27.03	812,447	D

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
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Cash-Settled Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 33.0719	01/17/2017		M	462,241 <u>(6)</u>	01/02/2014 ⁽⁷⁾ 01/31/2017	Se Co S
Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 43.9199	01/17/2017		M	925,665 <u>(8)</u>	01/02/2015 ⁽⁹⁾ 01/31/2018	Se Co S
Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 33.17	01/17/2017		M	231,416 <u>(10)</u>	01/02/2016 ⁽¹¹⁾ 01/31/2019	Se Co S
Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 26.38	01/17/2017		M	289,270	01/02/2017 ⁽¹²⁾ 01/31/2020	Se Co S

Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 27.69	01/17/2017	A	1,446,351	01/02/2018 ⁽¹³⁾	01/31/2021	Se Co S
Cash-Settled Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 32.0781	01/17/2017	M	462,241 ⁽¹⁴⁾	01/02/2014 ⁽⁷⁾	01/31/2017	Se Co S
Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 42.6001	01/17/2017	M	925,665 ⁽¹⁵⁾	01/02/2015 ⁽¹⁶⁾	01/31/2018	Se Co S
Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 32.28	01/17/2017	M	231,416 ⁽¹⁷⁾	01/02/2016 ⁽¹⁸⁾	01/31/2019	Se Co S
Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 25.17	01/17/2017	M	289,270	01/02/2017 ⁽¹⁹⁾	01/31/2020	Se Co S
Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 27.03	01/17/2017	A	1,446,351	01/02/2018 ⁽²⁰⁾	01/31/2021	Se Co S

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Zaslav David ONE DISCOVERY PLACE SILVER SPRING, MD 20910	X		Chief Executive Officer & Pres	

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie D. Marks, by power of attorney
01/19/2017

**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 Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights in respect of these shares of stock vested and became payable, 75% in cash and 25% in Series A Common Stock on January 2, 2017. Under the terms of the Cash-and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights, however, the amounts payable in respect of the vested units could not be calculated until 10 trading days had passed from the vesting date.
 - (2) These shares represent the shares deemed disposed of to the Issuer upon the exercise of the cash-settled portion of the Cash- and Stock-Settled Appreciation Right.
 - (3) These shares represent the shares deemed disposed of to the Issuer to cover the exercise price of the stock-settled portion of the Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Right.
 - (4) These shares represent the shares disposed of to the Issuer to cover the applicable tax withholding related to the exercise of the stock-settled portion of the Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Right.
 - (5) The Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights in respect of these shares of stock vested and became payable, 75% in cash and 25% in Series C Common Stock on January 2, 2017. Under the terms of the Cash-and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights, however, the amounts payable in respect of the vested units could not be calculated until 10 trading days had passed from the vesting date.
 - (6) No amounts were payable in respect of these Cash-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights because the beginning unit value of \$33.0719 per Unit exceeded the ending unit value of \$27.69 per Unit.
 - (7) The Cash-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 2014. On each vesting date, the Cash-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights are automatically settled in cash without action required by the Reporting Person.
 - (8) No amounts were payable and no shares were issued in respect of these Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights because the beginning unit value of \$43.9199 per Unit exceeded the ending unit value of \$27.69 per Unit.
 - (9) The Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 2015. On each vesting date, the vested Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights are automatically settled, 75% in cash and 25% in Series A Common Stock without any action required by the Reporting Person.
 - (10) No amounts were payable and no shares were issued in respect of these Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights because the beginning unit value of \$33.17 per Unit exceeded the ending unit value of \$27.69 per Unit.
 - (11) The Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 2016. On each vesting date, the vested Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights are automatically settled, 75% in cash and 25% in Series A Common Stock without any action required by the Reporting Person.
 - (12) The Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 2017. On each vesting date, the vested Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights are automatically settled, 75% in cash and 25% in Series A Common Stock without any action required by the Reporting Person.
 - (13) The Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 2018. On each vesting date, the vested Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights are automatically settled, 75% in cash and 25% in Series A Common Stock without any action required by the Reporting Person.
 - (14) No amounts were payable in respect of these Cash-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights because the beginning unit value of \$32.0781 per Unit exceeded the ending unit value of \$27.03 per Unit.
 - (15) No amounts were payable and no shares were issued in respect of these Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights because the beginning unit value of \$42.6001 per Unit exceeded the ending unit value of \$27.03 per Unit.
 - (16) The Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 2015. On each vesting date, the vested Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights are automatically settled, 75% in cash and 25% in Series C Common Stock without any action required by the Reporting Person.
 - (17) No amounts were payable and no shares were issued in respect of these Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights because the beginning unit value of \$32.28 per Unit exceeded the ending unit value of \$27.03 per Unit.
 - (18) The Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 2016. On each vesting date, the vested Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights are automatically settled, 75% in cash and 25% in Series C Common Stock without any action required by the Reporting Person.

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(19) The Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 2017. On each vesting date, the vested Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights are automatically settled, 75% in cash and 25% in Series C Common Stock without any action required by the Reporting Person.

(20) The Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 2018. On each vesting date, the vested Cash- and Stock-Settled Stock Appreciation Rights are automatically settled, 75% in cash and 25% in Series C Common Stock without any action required by the Reporting Person.

Remarks:

The trading symbols for the Issuer's Series A, Series B and Series C common stock are, respectively, DISCA, DISCB and DIS

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