

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ORBAN PAUL W2. 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/30/2006☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
below)

SVP & Corporate Controller

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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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	09/30/2006	A		5,000		(2)	09/30/2016	Class A Common Stock	5,000	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.74	09/30/2006	A		25,000		(3)	09/30/2016	Class A Common Stock	25,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ORBAN PAUL W 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112			SVP & Corporate Controller	

Signatures

/s/ Paul W. Orban, by Brandon Ehrhart, his Attorney in
Fact 10/02/2006

__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) Each unit converts upon vesting into one share of stock, which will be issued to the reporting person immediately upon vesting.

(2) The grant is subject to achievement of certain performance criteria and will vest at the rate of 10% per year commencing September 30, 2007 until September 30, 2010 and then at the rate of 20% per year thereafter.

(3) The option vests at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on September 30, 2007.

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