ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DEFRANCO JAMES			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
			CORP [DISH]	(Check an applicable)			
(Last) 9601 S. MERII	(First) (Middle) ERIDIAN BLVD.		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2007	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ 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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ov Beneficially Fo Owned (D Following Inc.)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Class A Common Stock	01/22/2007		S <u>(1)</u>	22,050	D	\$ 40.02	3,940,702	D		
Class A Common Stock	01/23/2007		S(1)	20,000	D	\$ 40.05	3,920,702	D		
Class A Common Stock	01/23/2007		S(1)	11,000	D	\$ 40.2	3,909,702	D		
Class A Common	01/23/2007		S <u>(1)</u>	19,000	D	\$ 40.44	3,890,702	D		

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Stock								
Class A Common Stock	01/24/2007	S(1)	20,000	D	\$ 40.48	3,870,702	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/24/2007	S(1)	7,950	D	\$ 40.77	3,862,752	D	
Class A Common Stock						50,000	I	I (2)
Class A Common Stock						8,183	I	I (3)
Class A Common Stock						2,250,000	I	I (4)
Class A Common Stock						18,413	I	I (5)

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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. ionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other **DEFRANCO JAMES**

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

Signatures

/s/ James DeFranco, by Robert Rehg, his Attorney 01/24/2007 in Fact

X

**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 transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- The shares are held by the reporting person in an irrevocable trust for the benefit of the reporting person's minor children and **(2)** grandchildren. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.
- (3) The shares are being held by the reporting person as custodian for his minor children.
- (4) The shares are held by DeFranco Investments Co., Ltd., a general partnership, of which the reporting person is sole general partner.
- (5) By 401(k).

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