

ERGEN CANTEY
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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 *
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 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/18/2006

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

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
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(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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	12/18/2006		G V	3,125 D \$ 0	203,652	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/18/2006		G V	3,125 A \$ 0	27,175	I	I ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	12/19/2006		G V	105,000 D \$ 0	98,652	D	
Class A Common					235	I	I ⁽²⁾

Stock				
Class A Common Stock		350,000	I	I ⁽³⁾
Class A Common Stock		18,412	I	I ⁽⁴⁾
Class A Common Stock		923	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. 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 and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Charles W. Ergen, by Robert Rehg, his Attorney in
Fact

12/22/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Cantey M. Ergen, by Robert Rehg, her Attorney in
Fact

12/22/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The shares are held by a custodian for the reporting persons' children. This number includes 7,250 shares that were previously included

- (1) within the reporting persons' direct holdings. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) Held by Ms. Cantey Ergen.
- (3) Held by a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust ("GRAT"). The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
- (4) Held by Mr. Charlie Ergen in a 401(k) account.
- (5) Held by Ms. Cantey Ergen in a 401(k) account.

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