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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

DUGAN MICHAEL T

Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS

(Check all applicable)

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.

(First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director _____ 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title __X__ Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

09/28/2006

below)
Chief Technology Advisor

9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN BOULEVARD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

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

Issuer

below)

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

(Street)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities
(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or any Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of 6. Owne Securities Form: D Beneficially (D) or Ir Owned (I)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) C F (A)

Following Reported

or Transaction(s)
(Instr. 3 and 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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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 2. 3. 7 Derivative Conversion (Mo

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securition

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	() [Securities (Month/Day/Y Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	
				Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.18	09/28/2006		D <u>(1)</u>			500,000	(2)	12/31/2015(1)	Class A Common Stock	500,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Martess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DUGAN MICHAEL T				Chief			
9601 SOUTH MERIDIAN BOULEVARD	X			Technology			
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112				Advisor			

Signatures

/s/ Michael T. Dugan, by Brandon Ehrhart, his Attorney in Fact

09/28/2006

**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) The option was cancelled by mutual agreement between EchoStar and Mr. Dugan.
- (2) The shares underlying the option were scheduled to vest at the rate 20% per year, commencing on December 31, 2006.

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