

SCHAVER STEVEN B
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 SCHAVER STEVEN B

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 BOULEVARD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/01/2004

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 President - EIC

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/01/2004 | | M | | 45,865 | A | \$ 6 76,215 |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/01/2004 | | M | | 128,000 | A | \$ 6 204,215 |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/01/2004 | | S | | 173,865 | D | \$ 34.05 30,350 |
| Class A Common | | | | | | | 16,294 |
| | | | | | | I | I ⁽¹⁾ |

Stock

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 | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-------------|--|-----------------|---|----------------------|---------|
| | | | | | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 6 | 12/01/2004 | | M | V | (A) 45,865 | (D) | (2) | 03/31/2009 | Class A Common Stock | 45,865 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 6 | 12/01/2004 | | M | V | (A) 128,000 | (D) | (2) | 03/31/2009 | Class A Common Stock | 128,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHAVER STEVEN B 9601 S. MERIDIAN BOULEVARD ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112 | | | President - EIC | |

Signatures

Steven B.
Schaver

12/02/2004

**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) By 401(k).

(2) The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2000.

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