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Form 4

April 04, 2003

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
  Ergen, Cantey
  5701 S. Santa Fe Drive
  Littleton, CO 80120
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
  EchoStar Communications Corporation
  DISH
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
  4/3/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
   (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other
   (specify below)
  Outside Director
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
   (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
   ( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
                       |2. |3. |4.Securities Acquired (A) |5.Amount of
1. Title of Security
                                                                    | Securities
                        | Transaction | or Disposed of (D)
                        | Beneficially
                                                    | A/|
                             - 1
                                  | Owned at
                        | Date | Code | V | Amount | D | Price | End of Month
Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The shares underlying the option vest at a rate of 20% per year, commencing March 31, 2004.
- (2) The option is in the name of the reporting person's spouse.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Cantey Ergen

DATE

4/3/2003