

Thoma Donald Lee  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Thoma Donald Lee  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/29/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Iridium Communications Inc. [IRDM]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O IRIDIUM  
 COMMUNICATIONS  
 INC., 6707 DEMOCRACY  
 BOULEVARD, SUITE 300  
 (Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 EVP, Iridium Satellite LLC

BETHESDA, MD 20817  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
No securities are beneficially owned	0	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thoma Donald Lee C/O IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC. 6707 DEMOCRACY BOULEVARD, SUITE 300 BETHESDA, MD 20817			EVP, Iridium Satellite LLC	

## Signatures

/s/ Christi Novak, attorney-in-fact 09/30/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

**Remarks:**  
Exhibit List  
Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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