ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form SC 13G February 10, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102)

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AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

(AMENDMENT NO. 8)*

Echostar Communications Corp. ______ (Name of Issuer) Common Stock, 0.01 Par Value ______ (Title of Class of Securities) 27876210A (CUSIP Number) 12/31/04 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement) Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this schedule is filed: /X/ Rule 13d-i(b) / / Rule 13d-i(c) / / Rule 13d-i(d) _____ *The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Massachusetts Financial Services Company ("MFS") I.R.S. Identification No.: 04-2747644		
2	CHECK THE APPROP	RIATE BO	DX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*
	(a) / /	(1	o) / /
3	SEC USE ONLY		
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION		
	Delaware		
	NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
	SHARES		5,553,006 Shares of Common Stock**
	BENEFICIALLY		
	OWNED BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
	EACH		
	REPORTING	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	PERSON		5,670,816 Shares of Common Stock**
	WITH		
		8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 5,670,816 shares of common stock** of which shares are also beneficially owned by certain other non-reporting entities as well as MFS.		
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* //		
	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9		
	2.62%		
12	TYPE OF REPORTING		
			*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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^{**} These shares of common stock include 46,320 of common stock which may be acquired through conversion of convertible bonds.

ITEM 1: (a) NAME OF ISSUER: SEE COVER PAGE ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES: (b) 9601 South Meridian Boulevard Englewood, CO 80112 ITEM 2: NAME OF PERSON FILING: (a) see item 1 on page 1 ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE: (b) 500 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02116 (C) CITIZENSHIP: See Item 4 on page 2 TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES: (d) SEE COVER PAGE (e) CUSIP NUMBER: SEE COVER PAGE ITEM 3: See Item 12 on page 2 ITEM 4: AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: (a) See Item 9 on page 2 PERCENT OF CLASS: (b) See Item 11 on page 2 NUMBER OF SHARES AS TO WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS VOTING AND (C) DISPOSITIVE POWERS: See Items 5 and 7 on page 2 SCHEDULE 13G PAGE 4 OF 4 PAGES ITEM 5: OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS: /X/ ITEM 6: OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON: Inapplicable

IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING

ITEM 7:

COMPANY:

Inapplicable

ITEM 8: IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:

Inapplicable

ITEM 9: NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:

Inapplicable

ITEM 10: CERTIFICATION:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 9, 2005

Massachusetts Financial Services Company

By: /s/ Mitchell C. Freestone
Mitchell C. Freestone
Vice President and Senior Counsel