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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

DEFRANCO JAMES			- S	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [DISH]					Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.			(3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2007					_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President			
		(Street)	4	4. If Ame	ndment, Da	ate Original			6. Individual or Jo	int/Group Filin	g(Check	
	ENGLEWO	OOD, CO 80112	I	Filed(Mon	th/Day/Year	r)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by C Form filed by M Person			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securiti	es Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	posed o	of (D)	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)	

(Instr. 3)			any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially Owned Following	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
	Class A Common Stock	01/31/2007		S <u>(1)</u>	18,831	D	\$ 40.52	3,843,921	D	
	Class A Common Stock	01/31/2007		S <u>(1)</u>	3,201	D	\$ 40.55	3,840,720	D	
	Class A Common Stock							50,000	I	I (2)
	Class A							8,183	I	I (3)

of

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Stock

Class A

Common 2,250,000 I I \underline{I} $\underline{(4)}$

Stock

Class A

Common 18,413 I I (<u>5</u>)
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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	etion	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Renorting () wher Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DEFRANCO JAMES

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. X Executive Vice President

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

Signatures

/s/ James DeFranco, by Robert Rehg, his Attorney in Fact 02/02/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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 transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) The shares are held by the reporting person in an irrevocable trust for the benefit of the reporting person's minor children and grandchildren. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.
- (3) The shares are being held by the reporting person as custodian for his minor children.
- (4) The shares are held by DeFranco Investments Co., Ltd., a general partnership, of which the reporting person is sole general partner.
- (5) By 401(k).

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