**ERGEN CANTEY** Form 4

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### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

(First)

ERGEN CHARLES W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS

CORP [DISH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BOULEVARD 12/31/2004

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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\_X\_\_ Director X 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Securities Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun Numbe Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.25	12/31/2004		A		500,000		12/31/2004	12/31/2009	Class A Common Stock	500,0

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ERGEN CHARLES W 9601 S. MERIDIAN BOULEVARD ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	X	X	Chairman and CEO				
ERGEN CANTEY 9601 S. MERIDIAN BOULEVARD ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	X						
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### **Signatures**

Charles W.
Ergen

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Cantey Ergen

\*\*Signature of O1/04/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Date

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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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