

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

Moskowitz, David K.  
5701 South Santa Fe Drive  
Littleton, CO 80120  
U.S.A.

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

12/31/99

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

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

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

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Director or Indirect Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Class A Common Stock	12/01/99	M	28,500	A \$2.33 42,172 (1)	D	
				4,092 (1)	I	(2)
				664 (1)	I	(3)
				8,368 (1)	I	(4)

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned at End of Month	10. Director or Indirect Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.33	12/01/99	M	28,500	D (5) (6)	Class A Common Stock	28,500	85,772		

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The shares have been adjusted to reflect the two-for-one stock split of the Company's common stock which took place in July, 1999.

(2) The shares are held by the reporting person in trust for the benefit of the minor children of Charles W. Ergen, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.

(3) The shares are held by the reporting person as custodian for his minor children.

(4) On March 19, 1999, the Company issued an additional 65,000 shares of Class A Common Stock to EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401(k) Employees' Savings Plan (the "Plan"). The number of shares reported in column 5 represents the total number of shares allocated to the reporting person's account through the Plan to date. The reporting person has dispositive, but no voting power with respect

to the shares.

(5) The shares underlying the option vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on May 6, 1995.

(6) Each portion of the option expires five years from the date on which that portion of the option first becomes exercisable.