

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

March 17, 2006

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KELLY MICHAEL

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
**ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS
CORP [DISH]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/07/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
EVP

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
Class A Common Stock	03/07/2006		A ⁽¹⁾	30 A ⁽²⁾	156,185 ⁽³⁾	D	
Class A Common Stock					3,500	I	I ⁽⁴⁾
Class A Common Stock					3,000	I	I ⁽⁵⁾
Class A Common Stock					587	I	I ⁽⁶⁾

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
KELLY MICHAEL 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	EVP

Signatures

/s/ Michael Kelly by Brandon Ehrhart, his Attorney
in Fact

03/17/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Award granted for no consideration to all eligible employees upon achievement of a Company milestone.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) Includes 5,145 shares acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(4) Gift to minor children who share the reporting person's household. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by his children, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities

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for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

- (5) The shares were contributed by the reporting person to trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's children. The reporting person is the trustee for the trusts and retains investment and voting power over the trusts.
- (6) By 401(k).

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