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ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP Form 4 March 17, 2006 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **KELLY MICHAEL** Issuer Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS (Check all applicable) CORP [DISH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. 03/07/2006 EVP (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class A Common $A^{(1)}$ 03/07/2006 30 А <u>(2)</u> 156,185 (<u>3</u>) D Stock Class A Common 3.500 I I⁽⁴⁾ Stock Class A Common 3,000 Ι I (5) Stock Class A I (6) 587 Ι Common

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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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo 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 l in Fact	03/17/2006								
**Signature of Report		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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