ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

November 13, 2007

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

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Check this box STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ergen 2005 Two Year GRAT dated November 9 2005

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [DISH]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/09/2007

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

Joint Filing Group

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported 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.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **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	Amount or Number of Shares
Class B Common Stock	(1)	11/09/2007		G(2)	V	8,137,739	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock	8,137,73
Class B Common Stock	(1)	11/09/2007		G(3)	V	2,418,459	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock	2,418,45
Class B Common Stock	(1)	11/09/2007		G(4)	V	1,687,908	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock	1,687,90
Class B Common Stock	(1)	11/09/2007		G(5)	V	1,254,750	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock	1,254,75

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
		10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Ergen 2005 Two Year GRAT dated November 9 2005 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112		X		Joint Filing Group		
Ergen 2005 Three Year GRAT dated November 9 2005 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112		X		Joint Filing Group		
Ergen 2005 Four Year GRAT dated November 9 2005 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112		X		Joint Filing Group		
Ergen 2005 Five Year GRAT dated November 9 2005 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112		X		Joint Filing Group		

Signatures

/s/ David K. Moskowitz, Trustee of the Ergen Two-Year GRAT dated November 9, 2005, by Brandon Ehrhart, his Attorney in Fact			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		
/s/ David K. Moskowitz, Trustee of the Ergen Three-Year GRAT dated November 9, 2005, by Brandon Ehrhart, his Attorney in Fact			
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		
/s/ David K. Moskowitz, Trustee of the Ergen Four-Year GRAT dated November 9, 2005, by Brandon Ehrhart, his Attorney in Fact	11/13/2007		

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ David K. Moskowitz, Trustee of the Ergen Five-Year GRAT dated November 9, 2005, by Brandon Ehrhart, his Attorney in Fact

11/13/2007

**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).
- On November 9, 2005, Charles W. Ergen established four Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts ("GRATs"), contributing 12,500,000 Class B shares to each, resulting in the transfer of a total of 50,000,000 Class B shares. Each GRAT may elect to convert any or all of its Class B shares into an equal number of Class A shares at any time for no additional consideration.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Ergen Two-Year GRAT, 3,892,588 shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 9, 2007, with the remaining 4,245,151 shares distributed to trusts the beneficiaries of which are members of Mr. Ergen's family. Following these distributions, the Ergen Two-Year GRAT terminated pursuant to its terms.
- (3) Pursuant to the terms of the Ergen Three-Year GRAT, 2,418,459 shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 9, 2007, with the Ergen Three-Year GRAT retaining 7,371,275 shares.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Ergen Four-Year GRAT, 1,687,908 shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 9, 2007, with the Ergen Four-Year GRAT retaining 8,920,524 shares.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Ergen Five-Year GRAT, 1,254,750 shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 9, 2007, with the Ergen Five-Year GRAT retaining 9,839,104 shares.
- There is no formal agreement to vote or dispose of the shares owned by each GRAT in a particular manner. The dispositive and voting power of the shares held by each of the GRATs is made independent of each other, except to the extent that Mr. David K. Moskowitz is the trustee of each of the GRATs and in that respect is able to control the disposition and voting of the shares of Class B Common Stock owned by each such GRAT.

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