

ORBAN PAUL W
Form 4
March 18, 2003

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

Orban, Paul W.
5701 S. Santa Fe Drive
Littleton, CO 80120
USA

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

03/18/03

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

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

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

Vice President and Controller

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)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month
			Amount A/D Price	
Class A Common Stock	03/17/03	S (1)	4,000 D 30.00	25,988
Class A Common Stock				2,614
Class A Common Stock				119

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Con- version or Exer- cise Price of Deriva- tive Secu-	3. Transaction	4.	5. Number of De- rivative Secu- rities Acqui- red (A) or Dis- posed of (D)	6. Date Exer- cisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expir-	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. P of of vat- Sec rit
					A/ Exer- tion Date	Title and Number of Shares	

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Priority	Date	Code	V	Amount		ble				

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

(2) The number of shares reported in column 5 represents the balance in the reporting person's account through the EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401(k) Employees' Savings Plan to date. The reporting person has dispositive, but no voting power with respect to the shares.

(3) The number of shares in column 5 represents the balance in the reporting person's account through EchoStar Communications Corporation's Employee Stock Purchase Plan to date.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Paul W. Orban

DATE

3/18/03