#### ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DEFRANCO JAMES			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
			CORP [DISH]	(Check an applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.		, ,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2007	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
(Street)			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		
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficia	Beneficial Ownership	
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Class A Common Stock	01/08/2007		M <u>(1)</u>	15,000	A	\$ 27.18	4,152,752	D		
Class A Common Stock	01/08/2007		S <u>(1)</u>	15,000	D	\$ 39	4,137,752	D		
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2007		M(1)	30,000	A	\$ 27.18	4,167,752	D		
Class A Common	01/09/2007		S(1)	14,800	D	\$ 39.25	4,152,952	D		

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Stock								
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 39.28	4,152,752	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	12,826	D	\$ 39.5	4,139,926	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	2,174	D	\$ 39.51	4,137,752	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2007	S(1)	10,000	D	\$ 39.04	4,127,752	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	20,000	D	\$ 39.17	4,107,752	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	20,000	D	\$ 39.21	4,087,752	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2007	S <u>(1)</u>	10,166	D	\$ 39.1	4,077,586	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2007	S(1)	5,000	D	\$ 39.13	4,072,586	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2007	S(1)	9,834	D	\$ 39.31	4,062,752	D	
Class A Common Stock						50,000	I	I (2)
Class A Common Stock						8,183	I	I (3)
Class A Common Stock						2,250,000	I	I (4)
Class A Common Stock						18,413	I	I (5)

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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ve Expiration Date s (Month/Day/Year) l (A) sed of		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.18	01/08/2007		M <u>(1)</u>	15,000	<u>(6)</u>	12/30/2015	Class A Common Stock	15,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.18	01/09/2007		M <u>(1)</u>	30,000	<u>(6)</u>	12/30/2015	Class A Common Stock	30,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEFRANCO JAMES 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	X		Executive Vice President	

## **Signatures**

/s/ James DeFranco, by Robert Rehg, his Attorney in Fact 01/10/2007

\*\*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).
- (1) The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) The shares are held by the reporting person in an irrevocable trust for the benefit of the reporting person's minor children and grandchildren. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.

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- (3) The shares are being held by the reporting person as custodian for his minor children.
- (4) The shares are held by DeFranco Investments Co., Ltd., a general partnership, of which the reporting person is sole general partner.
- (5) By 401(k).
- (6) The shares underlying the option were 100% vested upon the date of grant.

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