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Form 5

January 18, 2001

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 5
ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
( ) Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).
( ) Form 3 Holdings Reported
( ) Form 4 Transactions Reported
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
  Friedlob, Raymond L.
  1400 Glenarm Place, Suite 300
  Denver, CO 80202
  U.S.A.
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
  Echostar Communications Corporation
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
   12/31/00
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
   (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other
   (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (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
                             |2. |3. |4.Securities Acquired (A)
1. Title of Security
                                                                             |5.Amount of
                              |Transaction| or Disposed of (D)
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                              |Date |Code|
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 Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) The shares underlying the option vested 100% when issued on June 30, 2000.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

Raymond Friedlob