Edgar Filing: ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP - Form 4 ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP Form 4 December 06, 2006 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box Expires: if no longer STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 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 **DEFRANCO JAMES** Issuer Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS (Check all applicable) CORP [DISH] _X_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. 12/04/2006 Executive Vice President (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 Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned (Instr. 8) (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Code V Amount Price Class A $M^{(1)}$ Common 15,000 D 12/04/2006 A 4,577,527 27.18 Stock Class A Common 12/04/2006 **S**⁽¹⁾ 8.000 D \$37 4,569,527 D Stock Class A

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Class A Common

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January 31,

10% Owner Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

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Stock			
Class A Common Stock	8,183	I	I <u>(3)</u>
Class A Common Stock	2,250,000	Ι	I <u>(4)</u>
Class A Common Stock	18,412	I	I <u>(5)</u>

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day.	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.18	12/04/2006		M <u>(1)</u>	15,000	<u>(6)</u>	12/30/2015	Class A Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

12/06/2006

**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.
- (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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