DEFRANCO JAMES

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DEFRANCO JAMES			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	ECHOSTAR CON CORP [DISH]		ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [DISH]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify		
9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.			12/13/2006	below) below) 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		
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	nuired. Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired tion(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
C1 4			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2006		M <u>(1)</u>	15,000	A	\$ 27.18	4,397,527	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	15,000	D	\$ 38.25	4,382,527	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 37.8	4,380,527	D	
Class A Common	12/13/2006		S(1)	10,000	D	\$ 37.81	4,370,527	D	

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Stock								
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	5,000	D	\$ 37.82	4,365,527	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	3,000	D	\$ 37.83	4,362,527	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	M <u>(1)</u>	15,000	A	\$ 27.18	4,377,527	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	15,000	D	\$ 38.5	4,362,527	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						18,412	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. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ionDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day.	Pate		Amount of Securities d 4)
				Code V	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

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Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.18	12/13/2006	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	12/14/2006	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							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
DEFRANCO JAMES								
9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.	X		Executive Vice President					
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112								

Signatures

/s/ James DeFranco, by Robert Rehg, his Attorney in Fact 12/15/2006

**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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