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Form 5

January 18, 2001

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

DeFranco, James  
5701 South Santa Fe Drive  
Littleton, CO 80120  
U.S.A.

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

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 (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
(specify below)

Executive Vice President

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year
			Amount	A/D Price	
Class A Common Stock	12/7/00	G	50,000	D	5,310,852
Class A Common Stock	12/7/00	G	50,000	A (1)	50,000
					2,200,000
					17,825
					6,008

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Percentage of Ownership
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) The shares were contributed by the reporting person to irrevocable trust for the benefit of reporting person's children and grandchildren. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.

(2) The shares are held by DeFranco Investment Co., Ltd., a general partnership, of which the reporting person is the sole general partner.

(3) On March 8, 2000, the Company issued an additional 60,000 shares of Class A Common Stock to EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401(k) Employees' Savings Plan ("The Plan"). The

number of shares reported in column 5 represents the total number of shares allocated to the reporting person's account through the Plan to date. The reporting person has dispositive, but no voting power with respect to the shares.

(4) The shares are held by the reporting person as custodian for his minor children. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ James DeFranco

DATE

1/15/01