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1(b).

Common

Common

Stock Class A 11/20/2006

11/20/2006

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DEFRANCO JAMES			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			CORP		WINIUNI	CAI	IONS	(Chec	ck all applicable	;)	
(Last)	(First) (1	Middle)		f Earliest Ti Day/Year)	ransaction			_X_ Director _X_ Officer (give		Owner er (specify	
9601 S. ME	ERIDIAN BLVD.		11/20/2	•				below) Execut	below) ive Vice Preside	ent	
	(Street)			endment, Da	_	1		6. Individual or Jo	oint/Group Filir	ig(Check	
			Filed(Moi	nth/Day/Year	·)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by	One Reporting Pe More than One Re		
ENGLEWO	OOD, CO 80112							Person	More than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
C1 A				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Class A Common Stock	11/20/2006			S <u>(1)</u>	10,000	D	\$ 36.1	4,652,527	D		
Class A Common Stock	11/20/2006			S <u>(1)</u>	10,000	D	\$ 36.17	4,642,527	D		
Class A							¢				

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Stock								
Class A Common Stock	11/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	10,000	D	\$ 36.07	4,612,527	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	20,000	D	\$ 36.39	4,592,527	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	10,000	D	\$ 36.46	4,582,527	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	10,000	D	\$ 36.56	4,572,527	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	5,014	D	\$ 36.3	4,567,513	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/22/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	4,986	D	\$ 36.33	4,562,527	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of Derivative	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	Underlying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Derivative		e	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	8	(Instr. 3 and 4)		Own

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Security Acquired
(A) or
Disposed
of (D)

of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount

Exercisable Date

or Number of Shares Follo

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DEFRANCO JAMES 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112

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Executive Vice President

Signatures

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

11/22/2006

**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 sales 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).

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