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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [DISH] Ortolf Tom A (Month/Day/Year) 05/06/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer \_Other Person ENGLEWOOD, Â COÂ 80112 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Class A Common Stock Ι  $I^{(1)}$ 60,000 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ortolf Tom A

9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. X ENGLEWOOD, COÂ 80112

**Signatures** 

/s/ Tom A. Ortolf 05/16/2005

\*\*Signature of Date

Reporting Person

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) By partnership. The reporting person is a partner of the partnership that owns the reported securities.

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