ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP Form 3 July 03, 2007 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Dodge R Stanton			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [DISH]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	06/29/2007	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. (Street) ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112				Director X Officer (give title below	(Check all applicable) _ Director 10% Owner _ Officer Other title below) (specify below) EVP, Gen Counsel and Sec		 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	ies Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	*	
Class A Cor	nmon Stock		183 <u>(1)</u>		D	Â		
Class A Cor	nmon Stock		2,142		Ι	I (2)		
Reminder: Rep owned directly	-	te line for ea	ch class of securities benefici	ially S	EC 1473 (7-02	2)		

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

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

	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(<u>3)</u>	02/17/2009	Class A Common Stock	80,000	\$ 6	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	03/31/2009	Class A Common Stock	18,440	\$ 10.2	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	03/31/2013	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 28.88	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	03/31/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 32.75	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(7)	06/30/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 30.75	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(8)	03/31/2015	Class A Common Stock	37,500	\$ 29.25	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(9)	03/31/2015	Class A Common Stock	12,500	\$ <u>(10)</u>	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(11)	03/31/2015	Class A Common Stock	25,000	\$ 29.25	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Dodge R Stanton 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	Â	Â	EVP, Gen Counsel and Sec	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ R. Stanton Dodge, by Brandon Ehrhart, his Attorney in Fact 07/03/2007						
**Signature of Reporting Person Date						

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) Shares acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) By 401(k).
- (3) The grant is subject to achievement of certain performance criteria and a vesting schedule of 20% per year commencing on February 17, 2000.
- (4) The shares underlying the option vested at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2000.
- (5) The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2004.
- (6) The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2005.
- (7) The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on June 30, 2005.
- (8) The grant is subject to achievement of certain performance criteria and a vesting schedule of 10% per year commencing March 31, 2006 until March 31, 2009 and 20% per year thereafter.
- (9) The grant is subject to achievement of certain performance criteria and a vesting schedule of 10% per year commencing March 31, 2006 until March 31, 2009 and 20% per year thereafter.
- (10) Each unit converts upon vesting into one share of stock, which will be issued to the reporting person immediately upon vesting.
- (11) The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2006.

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