ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **DEFRANCO JAMES** Issuer Symbol ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS (Check all applicable) CORP [DISH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. 01/17/2007 **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

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Owned (Instr. 8) (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class A Common $S^{(1)}$ 10,000 D D 01/17/2007 4,002,752 41 09 Stock Class A Common 01/17/2007 $S^{(1)}$ 10.000 D 3,992,752 D Stock Class A Common 01/17/2007 $S^{(1)}$ 20,000 D 3,972,752 D Stock $S^{(1)}$ Cl;ass A 01/17/2007 10,000 D \$ D 3,962,752 Common 41.35

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Stock			
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	18,413	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amo or Title Num of Shar	nber	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DEFRANCO JAMES							
9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.	X		Executive Vice President				
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112							

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Signatures

/s/ James DeFranco, by Robert Rehg, his Attorney in Fact 01/19/2007

**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.
- 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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