

IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC.

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DESCH MATTHEW J

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DESCH MATTHEW J (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC., 1750 TYSONS BOULEVARD, SUITE 1400 (Street) MCLEAN, VA 22102 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Iridium Communications Inc. [IRDM]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">3/5/2017</p>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	3/5/2017		A		105696 (1)	A	\$0.00	738871	D	
Common Stock	3/5/2017		F		47718 (2)	D	\$8.30	691153	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities 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. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

- (Represents the vested portion of a performance-based restricted stock unit award based on the issuer's satisfaction of certain performance criteria. In light of 1) the performance-based vesting conditions of the award, such award was not reportable under Section 16 until vesting was determined, which occurred on March 5, 2017.
- (The transaction reported represents the withholding of shares by the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations in connection with the 2) vesting and settlement of the restricted stock unit award reported in footnote (1) herein.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DESCH MATTHEW J C/O IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC. 1750 TYSONS BOULEVARD, SUITE 1400 MCLEAN, VA 22102	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/Brian Leaf, Attorney-in-Fact

3/7/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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