ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

FORM SC 13G/A
(Amended Statement of Ownership)

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SCHEDULE 13G

Amendment No. 2

Echostar Communications Corporation

Class A Common Stock
Cusip # 278762109

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Item 1: Reporting Person - FMR Corp. - (Tax ID: 04-2507163)
Item 4: Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Item 5: 116,924
Item 6: None
Item 7: 2,685,755
Item 8: None
Item 9: 2,685,755
Item 11: 16.97%
Item 12: HC

Cusip # 278762109
Item 1: Reporting Person - Edward C. Johnson 3d
Item 4: United States of America
Item 5: None
Item 6: None
Item 7: 2,685,755
Item 8: None
Item 9: 2,685,755
Item 11: 16.97%
Item 12: IN

Cusip # 278762109
Item 1: Reporting Person - Abigail P. Johnson
Item 4: United States of America
Item 5: None
Item 6: None
Item 7: 2,685,755
Item 8: None
Item 9: 2,685,755
Item 11: 16.97%
Item 12: IN

SCHEDULE 13G - TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS
FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b)

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Echostar Communications Corporation

Item 1(b). Name of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

90 Inverness Circle East
Englewood, CO 80112

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

FMR Corp.

Item 2(b). Address or Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Not applicable

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Class A Common Stock

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

278762109

Item 3. This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) and the
person filing, FMR Corp., is a parent holding company in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G). (Note: See Item 7).

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:
2,685,755

(b) Percent of Class:
16.97%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
116,924

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
None

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
2,685,755

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
None

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Various persons have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Class A common stock of Echostar Communications Corporation. The interest of one person, Fidelity Capital & Income Fund, an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, in the Class A common stock of Echostar Communications Corporation, amounted to 967,067 shares or 6.11% of the total outstanding Class A common stock at October 31, 1997. The number of shares of Class A common stock of Echostar Communications Corporation owned by Fidelity Capital & Income Fund at October 31, 1997 included 69,744 shares of Class A common stock resulting from the assumed conversion of 34,000 shares of 6.75% Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (2.0513 shares of Class A common stock for each share of 6.75% Series C Convertible Preferred Stock).

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

See attached Exhibit(s) A and B.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable, see attached Exhibit A.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Schedule 13G in connection with FMR Corp.'s beneficial ownership of the Class A common stock of Echostar Communications Corporation at October 31, 1997 is true, complete and correct.

November 10, 1997

Date

/s/Arthur S. Loring
Signature

Arthur S. Loring, Vice
President
Name/Title

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Pursuant to the instructions in Item 7 of Schedule 13G, Fidelity Management & Research Company ("Fidelity"), 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR Corp. and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, is the beneficial owner of 2,538,061 shares or 16.03% of the Class A common stock outstanding of Echostar Communications Corporation ("the Company") as a result of acting as investment adviser to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The number of shares of Class A common stock of Echostar Communications Corporation owned by the investment companies at October 31, 1997 included 711,801 shares of Class A common stock resulting from the assumed conversion of 347,000 shares of 6.75% Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (2.0513 shares of Class A common stock for each share of the 6.75% Series C Convertible Preferred Stock).

The ownership of one investment company, Fidelity Capital & Income Fund, amounted to 967,067 shares or 6.11% of the Class A common stock outstanding. Fidelity Capital & Income Fund has its principal business office at 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. The number of shares of Class A common stock of Echostar Communications Corporation owned by the investment companies at October 31, 1997 included 69,744 shares of Class A common stock resulting from the assumed conversion of 34,000 shares of 6.75% Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (2.0513 shares of Class A common stock for each share of the 6.75% Series C Convertible Preferred Stock).

Edward C. Johnson 3d, FMR Corp., through its control of Fidelity, and the funds each has sole power to dispose of the 2,538,061 shares owned by the Funds.

Neither FMR Corp. nor Edward C. Johnson 3d, Chairman of FMR Corp., has the sole power to vote or direct the voting of the shares owned directly by the Fidelity Funds, which power resides with the Funds' Boards of Trustees. Fidelity carries out the voting of the shares under written guidelines established by the Funds' Boards of Trustees.

Fidelity Management Trust Company, 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR Corp. and a bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, is the beneficial owner of 147,694 shares or 0.93% of the Class A common stock outstanding of the Company as a result of its serving as investment manager of the institutional account(s). The number of shares of Class A common stock of Echostar Communications Corporation owned by the institutional account(s) at October 31, 1997 included 147,694 shares of Class A common stock resulting from the assumed conversion of 72,000 shares of the 6.75% Series C Convertible Preferred Stock described above.

Edward C. Johnson 3d and FMR Corp., through its control of Fidelity Management Trust Company, each has sole dispositive power over 147,694 shares and sole power to vote or to direct the voting of 116,924 shares, and no power to vote or to direct the voting of 30,770 shares of Class A common stock owned by the institutional account(s) as reported above.

Members of the Edward C. Johnson 3d family and trusts for their benefit are the predominant owners of Class B shares of common stock of FMR Corp., representing approximately 49% of the voting power of FMR Corp. Mr. Johnson 3d owns 12.0% and Abigail Johnson owns 24.5% of the aggregate outstanding voting stock of FMR Corp. Mr. Johnson 3d is Chairman of FMR Corp. and Abigail P. Johnson is a Director of FMR Corp. The Johnson family group and all other Class B shareholders have entered into a shareholders' voting agreement under which all

Class B shares will be voted in accordance with the majority vote of Class B shares. Accordingly, through their ownership of voting common stock and the execution of the shareholders' voting agreement, members of the Johnson family may be deemed, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to form a controlling group with respect to FMR Corp.

SCHEDULE 13G - TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) RULE 13d-1(f)(1) AGREEMENT

The undersigned persons, on November 10, 1997, agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with their beneficial ownership of the Class A common stock of Echostar Communications Corporation at October 31, 1997.
FMR Corp.

By /s/Arthur S. Loring
Arthur S. Loring
Vice President - Legal
Edward C. Johnson 3d
By /s/Arthur S. Loring
Arthur S. Loring
Under Power of Attorney dated
5/17/89
On File with Schedule 13G for
Airborne Freight Corp. 9/10/91

Abigail P. Johnson

By /s/Arthur S. Loring
Arthur S. Loring
Under Power of Attorney dated
1/5/96
On File with Schedule 13G for
Acclaim Entertainment Inc.
1/10/96
Fidelity Management & Research Company
By /s/Arthur S. Loring
Arthur S. Loring
Sr. V.P. and General Counsel
Fidelity Capital & Income Fund
By /s/Arthur S. Loring
Arthur S. Loring
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