ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

FORM 4
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Sector	Services
Fiscal Year	12/31

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
VOGEL CARL E	**ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [DISH]**	__ **X** __ Director _____ 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) **9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.**	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **6/30/2006**	__ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) **Vice Chairman**
(Street) **ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112** (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _ **X** _ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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			
Class A Common Stock	**6/30/2006**		**M**		**20000**	**A**	**$0**	**20165**	**D**	
Class A Common Stock								**147**	**I**	**I** (1)

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

1. Title of Derivate 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				
Restricted Stock Unit Award	**$0** (2)	**6/30/2006**		**M**			**20000**	**6/30/2006** (3)	**6/30/2015**	**Class A Common Stock**	**20000** (3)	**$0**	**80000**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) By 401(k).

(2) Each unit converts into one share of stock upon vesting.

(3) Pursuant to the terms of the reporting person's restricted stock unit agreement, 20,000 restricted stock units vested on June 30, 2006.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VOGEL CARL E **9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.** **ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112**	**X**		**Vice Chairman**	

Signatures

/s/ Carl E. Vogel, by Robert Rehg, his Attorney in Fact	**7/5/2006**
** 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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