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(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Symbol	DTV
SIC Code	4899 - Communications Services, Not Elsewhere Classified
Industry	Broadcasting & Cable TV
Sector	Technology
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)
HARTENSTEIN EDDY W (Last) (First) (Middle)	**DIRECTV GROUP INC [DTV]**	__ **X** __ Director _____ 10% Owner
C/O THE DIRECTV GROUP, 2250 EAST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **5/11/2004**	__ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) **Vice Chairman**
EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245 (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			
Common Stock	**5/11/2004**		**M** (1)		**41553**	**A**	**$7.0767**	**41553**	**D**	

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				
Stock Option (right to buy)	**$7.0767**	**5/11/2004**		**M** (1)			**41553**	**12/22/2003**	**6/28/2004**	**Common Stock**	**41553**	(2)	**0**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Exercise of stock options granted pursuant to Rule 16b-3 qualified Hughes Electronics Corporation Incentive Plan

(2) Employee stock option granted pursuant to Rule 16b-3 qualified Hughes Electronics Corporation Incentive Plan

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTENSTEIN EDDY W **C/O THE DIRECTV GROUP** **2250 EAST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY** **EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245**	**X**		**Vice Chairman**	

Signatures

Eddy W. Hartenstein	**5/11/2004**
** 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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