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March 18, 2003

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Orban, Paul W.

5701 S. Santa Fe Drive

Littleton, CO 80120

USA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

EchoStar Communications Corporation

DISH

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

03/18/03

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

() Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) (X) Other

(specify below)

Vice President and Controller

7. 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	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month
Class A Common Stock	03/17/03	S (1)	4,000	25,988
Class A Common Stock				2,614
Class A Common Stock				119

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Put or Call
						Title and Number of Shares	

Priority	Date	Code	V	Amount	File		

(1) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

(2) The number of shares reported in column 5 represents the balance in the reporting person's account through the EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401(k) Employees' Savings Plan to date. The reporting person has dispositive, but no voting power with respect to the shares.

(3) The number of shares in column 5 represents the balance in the reporting person's account through EchoStar Communications Corporation's Employee Stock Purchase Plan to date.

/s/ Paul W. Orban

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