ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

April 03, 2003

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      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
         Schaver, Steven B.
         5701 South Santa Fe Drive
         Littleton, CO  80120
         U.S.A.
      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
         4/02/03
      5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

      6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
         ( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other
         (specify below)
         President of EchoStar International Corporation
      7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
         (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
         ( ) 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	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A/D	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month

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

1.Title of Derivative Security	2.Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	V	5.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of(D) Amount	A/D	6.Date Exercisable and Expiration Date(Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	7.Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8.Price of Derivative Security
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$28.88	3/31/2003	A		20,000	A	(1)	3/31/2013	Class A Common Stock 20,000	

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Explanation of Responses:
(1) The shares underlying the option vest at the rate of 20% per year,
commencing on March 31, 2004.
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
                    /s/  Steven B. Schaver
DATE
            4/2/03
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