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SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 18)*
ECHOSTAR CORPORATION
(Name of Issuer)

CLASS A COMMON STOCK, \$0.001 PAR VALUE PER SHARE
(Title of Class of Securities)

278768 106
(CUSIP Number)

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Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

July 19, 2018

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Charles W. Ergen

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:

(a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC Use Only

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5. CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) ☐

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

U.S.A.

3

7. SOLE VOTING POWER
17,722,713 SHARES (1) (2)
1,600,000 SIXTY DAY SHARES (3)

8. SHARED VOTING POWER
25,711,757 SHARES (1) (4)

9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
17,722,713 SHARES (1) (2)
1,600,000 SIXTY DAY SHARES (3)

Number Of Shares Beneficially Owned By
Each Reporting Person With

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
25,711,757 SHARES (1) (4)

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY THE
REPORTING PERSON
45,034,470

12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* ..

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
13. Approximately 48.5% (5)

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IN

(1) Includes shares of Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share ("Class A Common Stock") and Class B Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share ("Class B Common Stock") of EchoStar Corporation ("EchoStar"). The shares of Class B Common Stock are convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis at any time.

(2) Consists of: (i) 700,678 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned directly by Mr. Ergen; (ii) 3,705 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned indirectly by Mr. Ergen in the DISH Network Corporation ("DISH Network") 401(k) Employee Savings Plan (the "DISH Network 401(k) Plan"); and (iii) 17,018,330 shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned directly by Mr. Ergen.

(3) “Sixty Day Shares” are shares of Class A Common Stock deemed to be beneficially owned under Rule 13d-3(d)(1) because Mr. Ergen has the right to acquire beneficial ownership of such shares within 60 days of the date hereof.

(4) Consists of: (i) 47 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned directly by Mr. Ergen’s spouse, Cantey M. Ergen; (ii) 201 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned indirectly by Mrs. Ergen in the DISH Network 401(k) Plan; (iii) 6,122 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by one of Mr. Ergen’s children; (iv) 5,400 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by a charitable foundation for which Mr. Ergen is an officer and for which he shares voting and dispositive power with Mrs. Ergen; (v) 824 shares of Class A Common Stock held by a trust for which Mrs. Ergen has durable power of attorney for the beneficiary of the trust; (vi) 12,808,205 shares of Class B Common Stock held by Telluray Holdings, LLC (“Telluray Holdings”), for which Mrs. Ergen has sole voting power as a manager of Telluray Holdings and for which Mr. Ergen and Mrs. Ergen share dispositive power as the managers of Telluray Holdings; (vii) 4,890,958 shares of Class B Common Stock owned beneficially by Mrs. Ergen solely by virtue of her position as trustee of the Ergen Three-Year 2017 SATS GRAT (the “2017 May GRAT”); and (viii) 8,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock owned beneficially by Mrs. Ergen solely by virtue of her position as trustee of the Ergen Two-Year 2017 SATS GRAT (the “2017 November GRAT”).

(5) Based on 48,475,591 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding on July 18, 2018 and assuming the conversion of only the shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by Mr. Ergen into Class A Common Stock and giving effect to the exercise of options held by Mr. Ergen that are either currently exercisable as of, or may become exercisable within 60 days after, July 19, 2018. Because such Class B Common Stock is convertible on a one-for-one basis into Class A Common Stock, assuming conversion of all shares of outstanding Class B Common Stock into Class A Common Stock and giving effect to the exercise of options held by Mr. Ergen that are either currently exercisable as of, or may become exercisable within 60 days after, July 19, 2018, the percentage of the Class A Common Stock that Mr. Ergen may be deemed to beneficially own would be approximately 46.1%. Because each share of Class B Common Stock is entitled to 10 votes per share, Mr. Ergen may be deemed to beneficially own equity securities of EchoStar representing approximately 81.5% of the voting power of EchoStar (assuming no conversion of any Class B Common Stock and giving effect to the exercise of options held by Mr. Ergen that are either currently exercisable as of, or may become exercisable within 60 days after, July 19, 2018).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Cantey M. Ergen

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:

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3. SEC Use Only
SOURCE OF FUNDS
4. OO

5. CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) ☐

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
U.S.A.

7. SOLE VOTING POWER
25,699,411 SHARES (1) (2)

8. SHARED VOTING POWER
17,735,059 SHARES (1) (3)

9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
12,891,206 SHARES (1) (4)

Number Of Shares Beneficially Owned By
Each Reporting Person With

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
30,543,264 SHARES (1) (5)

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY THE
REPORTING PERSON
43,434,470

12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* ..

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
13. Approximately 47.6% (6)

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IN

(1) Includes shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock. The shares of Class B Common Stock are convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis at any time.

(2) Consists of: (i) 47 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned directly by Mrs. Ergen; (ii) 201 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned indirectly by Mrs. Ergen in the DISH Network 401(k) Plan; (iii) 12,808,205 shares of Class B Common Stock held by Telluray Holdings, for which Mrs. Ergen has sole voting power as a manager of Telluray Holdings; (iv) 4,890,958 shares of Class B Common Stock owned beneficially by Mrs. Ergen solely by virtue of her position as trustee of the 2017 May GRAT; and (v) 8,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock owned beneficially by Mrs. Ergen solely by virtue of her position as trustee of the 2017 November GRAT. Mrs. Ergen exercises voting power with respect to Telluray Holdings and each of the 2017 May GRAT and

the 2017 November GRAT independently and, with respect to the 2017 May GRAT and the 2017 November GRAT, in accordance with her fiduciary responsibilities to the beneficiaries of such trusts.

(3) Consists of: (i) 700,678 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned directly by Mrs. Ergen's spouse, Mr. Ergen; (ii) 3,705 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned indirectly by Mr. Ergen in the DISH Network 401(k) Plan; (iii) 6,122 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by one of Mrs. Ergen's children; (iv) 5,400 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by a charitable foundation for which Mrs. Ergen is an officer and for which she shares voting and dispositive power with Mr. Ergen; (v) 824 shares of Class A Common Stock held by a trust for which Mrs. Ergen has durable power of attorney for the beneficiary of the trust; and (vi) 17,018,330 shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned directly by Mr. Ergen.

(4) Consists of: (i) 47 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned directly by Mrs. Ergen; (ii) 201 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned indirectly by Mrs. Ergen in the DISH Network 401(k) Plan; (iii) 4,890,958 shares of Class B Common Stock owned beneficially by Mrs. Ergen solely by virtue of her position as trustee of the 2017 May GRAT; and (iv) 8,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock owned beneficially by Mrs. Ergen solely by virtue of her position as trustee of the 2017 November GRAT. Mrs. Ergen exercises dispositive power with respect to each of the 2017 May GRAT and the 2017 November GRAT independently and in accordance with her fiduciary responsibilities to the beneficiaries of such trusts.

(5) Consists of: (i) 700,678 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned directly by Mrs. Ergen's spouse, Mr. Ergen; (ii) 3,705 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned indirectly by Mr. Ergen in the DISH Network 401(k) Plan; (iii) 6,122 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by one of Mrs. Ergen's children; (iv) 5,400 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by a charitable foundation for which Mrs. Ergen is an officer and for which she shares voting and dispositive power with Mr. Ergen; (v) 824 shares of Class A Common Stock held by a trust for which Mrs. Ergen has durable power of attorney for the beneficiary of the trust; (vi) 17,018,330 shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned directly by Mr. Ergen; and (vii) 12,808,205 shares of Class B Common Stock held by Telluray Holdings, for which Mr. Ergen and Mrs. Ergen share dispositive power as the managers of Telluray Holdings.

(6) Based on 48,475,591 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding on July 18, 2018 and assuming the conversion of only the shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by Mrs. Ergen into Class A Common Stock. Because such Class B Common Stock is convertible on a one-for-one basis into Class A Common Stock, assuming conversion of all shares of outstanding Class B Common Stock into Class A Common Stock, the

percentage of the Class A Common Stock that Mrs. Ergen may be deemed to beneficially own would be approximately 45.2%. Because each share of Class B Common Stock is entitled to 10 votes per share, Mrs. Ergen may be deemed to beneficially own equity securities of EchoStar representing approximately 81.4% of the voting power of EchoStar (assuming no conversion of any Class B Common Stock).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Ergen Three-Year 2017 SATS GRAT

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:

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3. SEC Use Only

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS

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5. CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) ☐

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Colorado

10

- 7. SOLE VOTING POWER
4,890,958 SHARES (1)
- 8. SHARED VOTING POWER
- 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
4,890,958 SHARES (1)

Number Of Shares Beneficially Owned By
Each Reporting Person With

- 10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY THE
REPORTING PERSON
4,890,958

12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

- 13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
Approximately 9.2% (2)

- 14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
OO

(1) All of the shares beneficially held by the 2017 May GRAT are shares of Class B Common Stock. The shares of Class B Common Stock are convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis at any time.

(2) Based on 48,475,591 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding on July 18, 2018 and assuming conversion of only the shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by the 2017 May GRAT into Class A Common Stock. Because such Class B Common Stock is convertible on a one-for-one basis into Class A Common Stock, assuming conversion of all shares of outstanding Class B Common Stock into Class A Common Stock, the percentage of the Class A Common Stock that the 2017 May GRAT may be deemed to beneficially own would be approximately 5.1%. Because each share of Class B Common Stock is entitled to 10 votes per share, the 2017 May GRAT beneficially owns equity securities of EchoStar representing approximately 9.3% of the voting power of EchoStar (assuming no conversion of any Class B Common Stock).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Ergen Two-Year 2017 SATS GRAT

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:

(a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC Use Only

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5. CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) ☐

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Colorado

12

7. SOLE VOTING POWER
8,000,000 SHARES (1)

8. SHARED VOTING POWER

9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
8,000,000 SHARES (1)

Number Of Shares Beneficially Owned By
Each Reporting Person With

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY THE
REPORTING PERSON
8,000,000

12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* ..

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
Approximately 14.2% (2)

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
OO

(1) All of the shares beneficially held by the 2017 November GRAT are shares of Class B Common Stock. The shares of Class B Common Stock are convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis at any time.

(2) Based on 48,475,591 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding on July 18, 2018 and assuming conversion of only the shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by the 2017 November GRAT into Class A Common Stock. Because such Class B Common Stock is convertible on a one-for-one basis into Class A Common Stock, assuming conversion of all shares of outstanding Class B Common Stock into Class A Common Stock, the percentage of the Class A Common Stock that the 2017 November GRAT may be deemed to beneficially own would be approximately 8.3%. Because each share of Class B Common Stock is entitled to 10 votes per share, the 2017 November GRAT beneficially owns equity securities of EchoStar representing approximately 15.2% of the voting power of EchoStar (assuming no conversion of any Class B Common Stock).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Telluray Holdings, LLC

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:

(a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC Use Only

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5. CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) ☐

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Wyoming

14

7. SOLE VOTING POWER
12,808,205 SHARES (1)
8. SHARED VOTING POWER

Number Of Shares Beneficially Owned By
Each Reporting Person With

9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
12,808,205 SHARES (1)
10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY THE
REPORTING PERSON
12,808,205

12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* ..

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
Approximately 20.9% (2)

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
OO

(1) All of the shares beneficially held by Telluray Holdings are shares of Class B Common Stock, for which Mrs. Ergen has sole voting power as a manager of Telluray Holdings and for which Mr. Ergen and Mrs. Ergen share dispositive power as the managers of Telluray Holdings. The shares of Class B Common Stock are convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis at any time.

(2) Based on 48,475,591 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding on July 18, 2018 and assuming conversion of only the shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by Telluray Holdings into Class A Common Stock. Because such Class B Common Stock is convertible on a one-for-one basis into Class A Common Stock, assuming conversion of all shares of outstanding Class B Common Stock into Class A Common Stock, the percentage of the Class A Common Stock that Telluray Holdings may be deemed to beneficially own would be approximately 13.3%. Because each share of Class B Common Stock is entitled to 10 votes per share, Telluray Holdings beneficially owns equity securities of EchoStar representing approximately 24.4% of the voting power of EchoStar (assuming no conversion of any Class B Common Stock).

ITEM 2. Identity and Background.

Item 2 is amended and restated as follows:

This statement is being filed jointly by: (a) Charles W. Ergen; (b) Cantey M. Ergen; (c) the 2017 May GRAT; (d) the 2017 November GRAT; and (e) Telluray Holdings, who are together referred to as the "Reporting Persons." This Schedule 13D relates solely to, and is being filed for, shares held by Mr. and Mrs. Ergen, the 2017 May GRAT, the 2017 November GRAT, and Telluray Holdings.

(A) Charles W. Ergen

Mr. Ergen's principal occupation is Chairman of each of EchoStar and DISH Network, and his principal address is 9601 S. Meridian Blvd., Englewood, Colorado 80112. Mr. Ergen has not, during the last five years, (i) been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding been subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activity subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws. Mr. Ergen is a citizen of the United States.

(B) Cantey M. Ergen

Mrs. Ergen is a Senior Advisor and member of the Board of Directors of DISH Network and her principal address is 9601 S. Meridian Blvd., Englewood, Colorado 80112. Mrs. Ergen has not, during the last five years, (i) been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding been subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activity subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws. Mrs. Ergen is a citizen of the United States.

(C) 2017 May GRAT

The 2017 May GRAT was formed under the laws of the State of Colorado and its principal business is to hold a portion of the assets and estate of Mr. Ergen. Its address is c/o Cantey M. Ergen, as Trustee, at 9601 S. Meridian Blvd., Englewood, Colorado 80112. The 2017 May GRAT has not, during the last five years, (i) been convicted in a

criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding been subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activity subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws. As trustee of the 2017 May GRAT, Mrs. Ergen is vested with sole voting and dispositive power over the 4,890,958 shares of Class B Common Stock held by the 2017 May GRAT, except as set forth in Item 6.

(D) 2017 November GRAT

The 2017 November GRAT was formed under the laws of the State of Colorado and its principal business is to hold a portion of the assets and estate of Mr. Ergen. Its address is c/o Cantey M. Ergen, as Trustee, at 9601 S. Meridian Blvd., Englewood, Colorado 80112. The 2017 November GRAT has not, during the last five years, (i) been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding been subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activity subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws. As trustee of the 2017 November GRAT, Mrs. Ergen is vested with sole voting and dispositive power over the 8,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock held by the 2017 November GRAT, except as set forth in Item 6.

(E) Telluray Holdings

Telluray Holdings is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Wyoming and its principal business is to hold a portion of the assets and estate of Mr. Ergen and to hold certain assets of certain trusts established by Mr. Ergen for the benefit his family. Its address is 1623 Central Avenue, Suite 214, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001. Telluray Holdings has not, during the last five years, (i) been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding been subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activity subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Mr. Ergen and certain trusts established by Mr. Ergen for the benefit of his family are the members of Telluray Holdings. Mr. Ergen and Mrs. Ergen are the managers of Telluray Holdings. As a manager of Telluray Holdings, Mrs. Ergen has sole voting power over the Class B Common Stock held by Telluray Holdings. As managers of Telluray Holdings, Mr. Ergen and Mrs. Ergen share dispositive power over the shares of Class B Common Stock held by Telluray Holdings.

ITEM 3. Source and Amount of Funds and Other Consideration

Item 3 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

On July 19, 2018, Mr. Ergen, for estate planning purposes, contributed 8,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock to Telluray Holdings in exchange for membership units in Telluray Holdings. Also on July 19, 2018, certain trusts established by Mr. Ergen for the benefit of his family (the “Contributing Trusts”) contributed 4,808,205 shares of Class B Common Stock to Telluray Holdings in exchange for membership units in Telluray Holdings. Shares of Class B Common Stock may be exchanged for shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis at any time. Mr. Ergen and the Contributing Trusts are the members of Telluray Holdings. Mr. Ergen and Mrs. Ergen are the managers of Telluray Holdings. As a manager of Telluray Holdings, Mrs. Ergen has sole voting power over the shares of Class B Common Stock held by Telluray Holdings. As managers of Telluray Holdings, Mr. Ergen and Mrs. Ergen share dispositive power over the shares of Class B Common Stock held by Telluray Holdings.

The Reporting Persons may from time to time acquire shares of Class A Common Stock for investment purposes. Such Class A Common Stock may be acquired with personal funds or funds borrowed by the Reporting Persons.

ITEM 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

As described in Item 3 above, on July 19, 2018, Mr. Ergen, for estate planning purposes, contributed 8,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock to Telluray Holdings in exchange for membership units in Telluray Holdings. Also on July 19, 2018, the Contributing Trusts contributed 4,808,205 shares of Class B Common Stock to Telluray Holdings in exchange for membership units in Telluray Holdings. Shares of Class B Common Stock may be exchanged for shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis at any time. Mr. Ergen and the Contributing Trusts are the members of Telluray Holdings. Mr. Ergen and Mrs. Ergen are the managers of Telluray Holdings. As a manager of Telluray Holdings, Mrs. Ergen has sole voting power over the shares of Class B Common Stock held by Telluray Holdings. As managers of Telluray Holdings, Mr. Ergen and Mrs. Ergen share dispositive power over the shares of Class B Common Stock held by Telluray Holdings.

ITEM 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

(a) This filing is for the cumulative share holdings of an affiliated group as of the close of business on July 19, 2018. See Items 11 and 13 of the cover pages to this Amendment No. 18 for the aggregate number of shares of Class A Common Stock and percentage of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by each of the Reporting Persons. The Reporting Persons' beneficial ownership of shares of Class A Common Stock excludes 1,640 shares of Class A Common Stock held by certain trusts established by Mr. Ergen for the benefit of his family and 4,969,546 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon conversion of shares of Class B Common Stock currently held by the Ergen Three-Year 2015 SATS GRAT, a grantor retained annuity trust established by Mr. Ergen for the benefit of his family. Mr. Ergen and Mrs. Ergen disclaim beneficial ownership of the 12,808,205 shares of Class B Common Stock held by Telluray Holdings, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest.

(b) See Items 7 through 10 of the cover pages to this Amendment No. 18 for the number of shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by each of the Reporting Persons as to which there is sole power to vote or to direct the vote, shared power to vote or to direct the vote and sole or shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition.

(c) None of the Reporting Persons has effected any transactions in the Class A Common Stock of EchoStar in the last sixty days or since the most recent filing of Schedule 13D other than as described herein.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

ITEM 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Except as disclosed below, none of Mr. Ergen, Mrs. Ergen, the 2017 May GRAT, the 2017 November GRAT or Telluray Holdings is a party to any contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships, including but not limited to, transfer or voting of any of the securities, finders' fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies nor are any of the securities pledged or otherwise subject to a contingency the occurrence of which would give another person voting power or investment power over such securities.

Each of the trust agreements for the 2017 May GRAT and the 2017 November GRAT contains an irrevocable provision that provides that the trustee will not dispose of any shares of EchoStar held by the 2017 May GRAT or the 2017 November GRAT, respectively, unless a Change of Control Event occurs. If a Change of Control Event occurs, the trustee of each of the 2017 May GRAT and the 2017 November GRAT will have sole discretion with respect to the disposition of any shares of EchoStar held by the 2017 May GRAT and the 2017 November GRAT, respectively.

A “Change of Control Event” will occur if (i) as the result of a transaction or a series of transactions any person other than Charles W. Ergen (or a Related Party) individually owns more than fifty percent (50%) of the total Equity Interests of either (A) EchoStar or (B) the surviving entity in any such transaction(s) or a controlling affiliate of such surviving entity in such transaction(s); and (ii) a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of EchoStar are no longer Continuing Directors; and (iii) as the result of a transaction or a series of transactions any person other than Charles W. Ergen (or a Related Party) individually owns more than fifty percent (50%) of the total voting power of either (A) EchoStar or (B) the surviving entity in any such transaction(s) or a controlling affiliate of such surviving entity in such transaction(s); and (iv) Charles W. Ergen sells Equity Interests of EchoStar such that he owns beneficially less than 50% of the total Equity Interests that he owned beneficially immediately following the grant of shares to the 2017 May GRAT or the 2017 November GRAT, as applicable.

For purposes of the definition of “Change of Control Event”:

“Continuing Director” means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Board of Directors of EchoStar who: (a) was a member of such Board of Directors on the date on which the applicable grantor retained annuity trust was established; or (b) was nominated for election or elected to such Board of Directors either (x) with the affirmative vote of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination or election or (y) by Charles W. Ergen and his Related Parties.

“Equity Interest” means any capital stock of EchoStar and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire capital stock of EchoStar (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, capital stock of EchoStar).

“Related Party” means, (a) Charles W. Ergen’s spouse and each of his immediate family members; (b) each trust, corporation, partnership or other entity of which Charles W. Ergen beneficially holds an eighty percent (80%) or more controlling interest or that was created for estate planning purposes including without limitation the grantor retained annuity trusts; and (c) the personal representatives, administrators, executor, guardians, or any person(s) or

entit(ies) to which Charles W. Ergen's shares of EchoStar are transferred as a result of a transfer by will or the applicable laws of descent and distribution.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit A: Agreement of Joint Filing

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

CHARLES W. ERGEN

Dated: July 20, 2018 /s/ Charles W. Ergen
Charles W. Ergen

CANTEY M. ERGEN

Dated: July 20, 2018 /s/ Cantey M. Ergen
Cantey M. Ergen

ERGEN THREE-YEAR 2017 SATS GRAT

Dated: July 20, 2018 /s/ Cantey M. Ergen
Cantey M. Ergen, Trustee

ERGEN TWO-YEAR 2017 SATS GRAT

Dated: July 20, 2018 /s/ Cantey M. Ergen
Cantey M. Ergen, Trustee

TELLURAY HOLDINGS, LLC

Dated: July 20, 2018 /s/ Cantey M. Ergen
Cantey M. Ergen, Manager

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