ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4 June 08, 2001 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 DeFranco, James 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 5/31/01 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 - (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 - () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

|2. |3. |4.Securities Acquired (A) |5.Amount of 1. Title of Security | | Securities | Transaction | or Disposed of (D) | | Beneficially - 1 | A/| | Owned at | Date |Code|V| Amount | D | Price | End of Month |A |(1) |5,310,862 Class A Common Stock |5/1/01|A |V|10 _____ _____ | | | 50,000 _____ |2,200,000 | _____ |17,825 _____ |6**,**008

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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

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Explanation of Responses: (1) The shares were awarded without cost to the reporting person, pursuant to the 2000 Launch Bonus Plan of the Company for past services to the Company. For tax purposes, the shares were priced as of April 30, 2001, but were not distributed until the beginning of May. (2) The shares were contributed by the reporting person to irrevocable trust for the benefit of reporting person's children and grandchildren. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares. (3) The shares are held by DeFranco Investment Co., Ltd., a general partnership, of which the reporting person is the sole general partner. (4) During March 2000, the Company issued additional shares of Class A Common Stock to EchoStar Communications Corporation's 401(k) Employees' Savings Plan ("The Plan"). The number of shares reported in column 5 represents the total number of shares allocated to the reporting person's account through the Plan to date. The reporting person has dispositive, but no voting power with respect to the shares. (5) The shares are held by the reporting person as custodian for his minor children. The reporting PERSON												