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May 16, 2002

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 3

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Kiser, Kyle J.

5701 S. Santa Fe Drive

Littleton, CO 80120

USA

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)

5/6/02

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

4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

EchoStar Communications Corporation

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

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

(specify below)

Treasurer

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

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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	4. Nature of Beneficial
Class A Common Stock	9,493	D	
Class A Common Stock	1,657	D	(1)
Class A Common Stock	5,625	I	(2)

Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exer- cisable and Expiration Date (Month/ Day/Year) Date Expira- tion Date	3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title	4. Conversion or Exercise price of derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security Direct () Indirect ()
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3) (8)	Class A Common Stock	23,520 \$2.125	D

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Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	(8)	Class A Common Stock	18,160	\$2.75	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	(8)	Class A Common Stock	16,000	\$10.20315	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	(9)	Class A Common Stock	4,000	\$79.00	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(7)	(9)	Class A Common Stock	5,000	\$39.50	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The number of shares reported in column 2 represents the total number of shares allocated to 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.

(2) The number of shares in column 2 represents the total number of shares purchased by the reporting person through EchoStar Communications Corporation's 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan to date.

(3) The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on February 12, 1998.

(4) The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 1999.

(5) The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2000.

(6) The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2001.

(7) The shares underlying the option, listed in column 5, vest at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on March 31, 2002.

(8) Each portion of the option expires five years from the date on which that portion of the option first becomes exercisable.

(9) The option expires ten years from the date of grant.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

Kyle J. Kiser

DATE

5/6/02