

EHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP

Form 4

April 10, 2002

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
 Messier, Jean-Marie
 375 Park Avenue
 New York, NY 10152
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EchoStar Communications Corporation
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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 3/31/02
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 Outside Director
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
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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. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Put or Call or Other Feature
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Non-Employee Director Stock Option	\$28.32	3/31/02	A	10,000	3/31/07	Class A Common Stock	
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Explanation of Responses:

1) The shares underlying the options vested 100% upon issuance on March 31, 2002.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Jean-Marie Messier

DATE

4/1/02