

Strickland Robert A
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Strickland Robert A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP [DISH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 06/30/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Information Officer

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.16	06/30/2005	A	25,000					(1)	06/30/2015	Class A Common Stock	25,000
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	06/30/2005	A	12,500					(3)	06/30/2015	Class A Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.16	06/30/2005	A	37,500					(4)	06/30/2015	Class A Common Stock	37,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Strickland Robert A 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112			Chief Information Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Robert A. Strickland
Date: 07/05/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option vests at the rate of 20% per year, commencing on June 30, 2006.
- (2) Each unit converts upon vesting into one share of stock, which will be issued to the reporting person immediately upon vesting.
- (3) The Restricted Stock Units vest at the rate of 10% per year commencing June 30, 2006 until June 30, 2009 and then at the rate of 20% per year thereafter, subject to achievement of certain performance criteria.
- (4) The option vests at the rate of 10% per year commencing June 30, 2006 until June 20, 2009 and then at the rate of 20% per year thereafter, subject to achievement of certain performance criteria.

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