

EchoStar CORP
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 13D/A

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 6)***

ECHOSTAR CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

CLASS A COMMON STOCK, \$0.001 PAR VALUE PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

278768 106

(CUSIP Number)

Dean A. Manson

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

EchoStar Corporation

100 Inverness Terrace E.

Englewood, Colorado 80112

(303) 706-4000

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 1, 2014

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. Name of Reporting Person
William R. Gouger
 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.
- | | | | |
|---|-----|--|--|
| | 7. | Sole Voting Power
15,191,559 VOTING SHARES (1) | |
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With | 8. | Shared Voting Power | |
| | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power
15,191,559 VOTING SHARES (1) | |
| | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power | |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by The Reporting Person
15,191,559
 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares*
 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
Approximately 25.7% (2)
 14. Type of Reporting Person
IN

(1) Voting Shares include all shares of Class A Common Stock (Class A Common Stock) and Class B Common Stock (Class B Common Stock) of EchoStar Corporation (EchoStar) of which Mr. Gouger is the sole beneficial owner. 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. The Voting Shares represent: (i) 28 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned directly by Mr. Gouger; (ii) 1,450 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned indirectly by Mr. Gouger in the DISH Network 401(k) Employee Savings Plan; (iii) 3,733,383 shares of Class A Common Stock, including 3,731,747 issuable upon conversion of shares of Class B Common Stock, beneficially owned by Mr. Gouger solely by virtue of his position as trustee (with sole voting and dispositive power) of certain trusts established by Mr. Charles W. Ergen for the benefit of his family; (iv) 1,456,698 shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by Mr. Gouger solely by virtue of his position as trustee (with sole voting and dispositive power, except as set forth in Item 6 below) of the Ergen Five-Year 2010 SATS GRAT; and (v) 10,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by Mr. Gouger solely by virtue of his position as trustee (with sole voting and dispositive power, except as set forth in Item 6 below) of the Ergen Three-Year 2014 SATS GRAT. There is no arrangement or agreement between any of the trusts identified in clauses (iii) through (v) above to vote or dispose of any shares of EchoStar. Mr. Gouger exercises voting and dispositive power with respect to each such trust independently and in accordance with his fiduciary responsibilities to the beneficiaries of such trusts.

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(2) Based on 43,953,461 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding on November 26, 2014 and assuming conversion of the shares of Class B Common Stock held by Mr. Gouger 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 Mr. Gouger may be deemed to beneficially own would be approximately 16.6%. Because each share of Class B Common Stock is entitled to 10 votes per share, Mr. Gouger beneficially owns equity securities of EchoStar representing approximately 29.1% of the voting power of EchoStar (assuming no conversion of the Class B Common Stock).

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1. Name of Reporting Person
Ergen Five-Year 2010 SATS GRAT
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:
(a) o
(b) x
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) o
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization
Colorado
- | | | |
|---|-----|---|
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With | 7. | Sole Voting Power
1,456,698 VOTING SHARES (1) |
| | 8. | Shared Voting Power |
| | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power
1,456,698 VOTING SHARES (1) |
| | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by The Reporting Person
1,456,698
12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares* o
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
Approximately 3.2% (2)
14. Type of Reporting Person
OO

(1) All of the shares beneficially held by the Ergen Five-Year 2010 SATS 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 43,953,461 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding on November 26, 2014 and assuming conversion of the shares of Class B Common Stock held by the Reporting Person 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 Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own would be approximately 1.6%. Because each share of Class B Common Stock is entitled to 10 votes per share, the Reporting Person beneficially owns equity securities of EchoStar representing approximately 2.8% of the voting power of EchoStar (assuming no conversion of the Class B Common Stock).

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| 1. | Name of Reporting Person
Ergen Three-Year 2014 SATS GRAT | |
| 2. | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:
(a) <input type="radio"/>
(b) <input checked="" type="radio"/> | |
| 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) <input type="radio"/> | |
| 6. | Citizenship or Place of Organization
Colorado | |
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With | 7. | Sole Voting Power
10,000,000 VOTING SHARES (1) |
| | 8. | Shared Voting Power |
| | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power
10,000,000 VOTING SHARES (1) |
| | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power |
| 11. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by The Reporting Person
10,000,000 | |
| 12. | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares* <input type="radio"/> | |
| 13. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
Approximately 18.5% (2) | |
| 14. | Type of Reporting Person
OO | |

(1) All of the shares beneficially held by the Ergen Three-Year 2014 SATS 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 43,953,461 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding on November 26, 2014 and assuming conversion of the shares of Class B Common Stock held by the Reporting Person 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 Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own would be approximately 10.9%. Because each share of Class B Common Stock is entitled to 10 votes per share, the Reporting Person beneficially owns equity securities of EchoStar representing approximately 19.2% of the voting power of EchoStar (assuming no conversion of the 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) William R. Gouger; (b) the Ergen Five-Year 2010 SATS GRAT (the 2010 Five-Year GRAT); and (c) the Ergen Three-Year 2014 SATS GRAT (the 2014 GRAT), who are together referred to as the Reporting Persons. This Schedule 13D relates solely to, and is being filed for, shares held by Mr. Gouger, the 2010 Five-Year GRAT and the 2014 GRAT.

(A) William R. Gouger

Mr. Gouger's principal occupation is owner and manager of SC Management, LLC, whose principal business is to provide management services, including, tax and estate planning services. Mr. Gouger also remains a partner of Gouger, Franzmann & Redman, LLC. His address is 400 Inverness Parkway, Suite 250, Englewood, Colorado 80112. Mr. Gouger 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. Gouger is a citizen of the United States.

(B) 2010 Five-Year GRAT

The 2010 Five-Year 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 William R. Gouger, as Trustee, at 400 Inverness Parkway, Suite 250, Englewood, Colorado 80112. The 2010 Five-Year 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 2010 Five-Year GRAT, Mr. Gouger is vested with sole voting and investment power over the 1,456,698 shares of Class B Common Stock held by the 2010 Five-Year GRAT, except as set forth in Item 6 below.

(C) 2014 GRAT

The 2014 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 William R. Gouger, as Trustee, at 400 Inverness Parkway, Suite 250, Englewood, Colorado 80112. The 2014 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 2014 GRAT, Mr. Gouger is vested with sole voting and investment power over the 10,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock held by the 2014 GRAT, except as set forth in Item 6 below.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

During the fourth quarter of each year, Mr. Ergen receives an annuity payment from each of the Ergen Four-Year 2010 SATS GRAT (the 2010 Four-Year GRAT) and the 2010 Five-Year GRAT under the trust agreements governing the 2010 Four-Year GRAT and the 2010 Five-Year GRAT. The number of

shares of Class B Common Stock to be distributed as an annuity payment is based in part on the price of the Class A Common Stock on the distribution date and therefore cannot be calculated until the date of distribution. In addition to shares of Class B Common Stock, the annuity payments (and their associated timing) may include, and be based upon, amounts generated from the holdings of each GRAT including, among other things, stock recapitalizations or dividends paid or payable with respect to the Class B Common Stock held by each GRAT.

On December 1, 2014, the 2010 Four-Year GRAT distributed 317,870 shares of Class B Common Stock held by the 2010 Four-Year GRAT to Mr. Ergen as an annuity payment, the 2010 Four-Year GRAT distributed the remaining 1,071,503 shares of Class B Common Stock held by the 2010 Four-Year GRAT to a trust, the beneficiaries of which are members of Mr. Ergen's family, and the 2010 Four-Year GRAT expired in accordance with its terms. On December 1, 2014, the 2010 Five-Year GRAT distributed 232,156 shares of Class B Common Stock held by the 2010 Five-Year GRAT to Mr. Ergen as an annuity payment. As a result, the 2010 Five-Year GRAT currently has beneficial ownership of 1,456,698 shares of Class B Common Stock. The 2010 Five-Year GRAT will expire in accordance with its terms on November 30, 2015.

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 December 1, 2014. See Items 11 and 13 of the cover pages to this Amendment No. 6 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.

(b) See Items 7 through 10 of the cover pages to this Amendment No. 6 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) The Reporting Persons have not effected any transactions in the Class A Common Stock of EchoStar in the last sixty days 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:

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Except as disclosed below, neither Mr. Gouger nor the 2010 Five-Year GRAT and 2014 GRAT are party to any contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships, including, but not limited to, transfer or voting of any of the securities, finder's 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.

The trust agreements for the 2010 Five-Year GRAT and the 2014 GRAT contain an irrevocable provision that provides that the trustee will not dispose of any shares of EchoStar held by the 2010 Five-Year GRAT or the 2014 GRAT unless a Change of Control Event occurs. If a Change of Control Event occurs,

the trustee of the 2010 Five-Year GRAT and the 2014 GRAT will have sole discretion with respect to the disposition of any shares of EchoStar held by the 2010 Five-Year GRAT or the 2014 GRAT.

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 2010 Five-Year GRAT or the 2014 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 dated November 30, 2010 and May 30, 2014; 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.

WILLIAM R. GOUGER

Dated: December 2, 2014

/s/ William R. Gouger

ERGEN FIVE-YEAR 2010 SATS GRAT

Dated: December 2, 2014

/s/ William R. Gouger
William R. Gouger, Trustee

ERGEN THREE-YEAR 2014 SATS GRAT

Dated: December 2, 2014

/s/ William R. Gouger
William R. Gouger, Trustee

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constitutes Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)**

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit A: Agreement of Joint Filing

Agreement of Joint Filing

Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k)(1)(iii) of Regulation 13D-G of the General Rules and Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned agree that the statement on Schedule 13D/A to which this Exhibit is attached is filed on behalf of each of them in the capacities set forth below.

WILLIAM R. GOUGER

Dated: December 2, 2014

/s/ William R. Gouger

ERGEN FIVE-YEAR 2010 SATS GRAT

Dated: December 2, 2014

/s/ William R. Gouger
William R. Gouger, Trustee

ERGEN THREE-YEAR 2014 SATS GRAT

Dated: December 2, 2014

/s/ William R. Gouger
William R. Gouger, Trustee