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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
 Kelly, Michael
 414 Eagle Rock Avenue
 West Orange, NJ 07052
 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)
 140-68-5374
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)
 () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 Senior Vice President - International Programming and Operations
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
Class A Common Stock	5/1/01	A	V 10	448,810
				721

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 of Underlying Securities
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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 number of shares in column 5 represents the total number of shares purchased by the reporting person through EchoStar Communications Corporation's 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan to date.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Michael Kelly

DATE

6/1/01