

EchoStar CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
Ergen Three Year 2015 SATS GRAT

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5701 S. SANTA FE DRIVE,
(Street)

LITTLETON, CO 80123

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EchoStar CORP [SATS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/30/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___X___ Other (specify below)

Joint Filing Group

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			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
			(A)	(D)									
Class B Common Stock	(1)	11/30/2016	G(2)	V	1,995,242 (2)					(1)	(1)	Class A Common Stock	1,995,242
Class B Common Stock	(5)									(5)	(5)	Class A Common Stock	2,680,130

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ergen Three Year 2015 SATS GRAT 5701 S. SANTA FE DRIVE LITTLETON, CO 80123		X		Joint Filing Group
ERGEN THREE YEAR 2014 SATS GRAT 5701 S. SANTA FE DRIVE LITTLETON, CO 80123				Joint Filing Group

Signatures

/s/ William R. Gouger, Trustee of the Ergen Three-Year 2015 SATS GRAT, by Joseph Turitz, his Attorney-in-Fact 12/02/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ William R. Gouger, Trustee of the Ergen Three-Year 2014 SATS GRAT, by Joseph Turitz, his Attorney-in-Fact 12/02/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- On November 30, 2015, Charles W. Ergen established a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust ("GRAT"), the Ergen Three-Year 2015 SATS
- (1) GRAT (the "2015 GRAT"), and contributed a total of 9,000,000 Class B shares to the 2015 GRAT. The 2015 GRAT may elect to convert any or all of its Class B shares into an equal number of Class A shares at any time for no additional consideration.
 - (2) Pursuant to the terms of the 2015 GRAT, 1,995,242 Class B shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 30, 2016, with the 2015 GRAT retaining 7,004,758 Class B shares. The 2015 GRAT expires in accordance with its terms on November 30, 2018.
 - (3) These securities are owned directly by the 2015 GRAT.
- There is no formal agreement to vote or dispose of the shares owned by each GRAT in a particular manner, except that the trust agreement for each GRAT contains an irrevocable provision that provides that the trustee will not dispose of any shares of the issuer held by the GRAT unless a Change of Control Event (as defined in Item 6 of the GRATs' Schedule 13D/A filed on December 1, 2016) occurs.
- (4) The dispositive and voting power of the shares held by each of the GRATs is independent of each other, except to the extent that Mr. William R. Gouger is the trustee of each of the GRATs and in that respect is able to control the disposition and voting of the shares of Class B Common Stock owned by each such GRAT.

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- On May 30, 2014, Charles W. Ergen established a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust ("GRAT"), the Ergen Three-Year 2014 SATS GRAT
- (5) (the "2014 GRAT"), and contributed 10,000,000 Class B shares to the 2014 GRAT. The 2014 GRAT may elect to convert any or all of its Class B shares into an equal number of Class A shares at any time for no additional consideration.
- (6) These securities are owned directly by the 2014 GRAT.

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