

ERGEN CHARLES W
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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. 3)*
EchoStar Corporation
(Name of Issuer)

CLASS A COMMON STOCK, \$0.001 PAR VALUE PER SHARE
(Title of Class of Securities)

278768 106
(CUSIP Number)

R. Stanton Dodge
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
EchoStar Corporation
100 Inverness Terrace E.
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

November 30, 2009
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Charles W. Ergen

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:

(a) ..

(b) ..

3. SEC Use Only

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS

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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
31,509,695 VOTING SHARES (1)
296,000 SIXTY DAY SHARES (2)

8. SHARED VOTING POWER
248 OTHER SHARES (3)

Number Of Shares
Beneficially Owned By
Each Reporting Person
With

9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
31,509,695 VOTING SHARES (1)
296,000 SIXTY DAY SHARES (2)

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

248 OTHER SHARES (3)

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY THE REPORTING PERSON

31,805,943

12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

Approximately 46.2 % (4)

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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(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. Ergen 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) 89,730 shares of Class A Common Stock owned beneficially directly by Mr. Ergen; (ii) 3,705 shares of Class A Common Stock owned beneficially indirectly by Mr. Ergen in EchoStar's 401(k) Employee Savings Plan; (iii) 5,435 shares of Class A Common Stock owned beneficially by Mr. Ergen as custodian for his minor children; and (iv) 31,410,825 shares of Class B Common Stock owned beneficially directly by Mr. Ergen.

(2) "Sixty Day Shares" are shares of Class A Common Stock deemed to be owned beneficially under Rule 13d-3(d)(1) because Mr. Ergen has the right to acquire beneficial ownership of such shares within 60 days of the date hereof. Upon acquisition by Mr. Ergen, these shares will become Voting Shares.

(3) "Other Shares" represent (i) 47 shares of Class A Common Stock owned beneficially by Mr. Ergen's spouse, Cantey Ergen; and (ii) 201 shares of Class A Common Stock owned beneficially indirectly by Mrs. Ergen in EchoStar's 401(k) Employee Savings Plan.

(4) Based on 37,110,221 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding on November 30, 2009 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 own beneficially would be approximately 37.4%. Because each share of Class B Common Stock is entitled to 10 votes per share, the Reporting Person owns beneficially equity securities of the Company representing approximately 61.2% of the voting power of the Company (assuming no conversion of the Class B Common Stock).

ITEM 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Mr. Ergen gifted 15,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock to the Ergen Two-Year 2009 SATS GRAT (the “2009 GRAT”) on November 30, 2009. Mr. Ergen established the 2009 GRAT for estate planning purposes. Under the trust agreement establishing the 2009 GRAT, Mr. William Gouger will serve as trustee of the 2009 GRAT and will hold sole voting and investment power over the 15,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock held by the 2009 GRAT, except as set forth in Item 6 below. Mr. Ergen receives an annuity amount from the 2009 GRAT under the trust agreement governing the 2009 GRAT. Members of Mr. Ergen’s family are the beneficiaries of the 2009 GRAT. The 2009 GRAT will expire two years from the date of transfer of the shares of Class B Common Stock to the 2009 GRAT.

ITEM 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a) and (b). Mr. Ergen beneficially owns securities convertible into or exercisable for, 31,805,943 shares of Class A Common Stock representing 46.2% of the class after giving effect to conversion and exercise of all derivative securities held by Mr. Ergen. Such shares include: (i) 89,730 shares of Class A Common Stock; (ii) 3,705 shares of Class A Common Stock held in the Company’s 401(k) Employee Savings Plan (the “401(k) Plan”); (iii) the right to acquire 296,000 shares of Class A Common Stock within 60 days upon the exercise of employee stock options; (iv) 47 shares of Class A Common Stock held by Mr. Ergen’s spouse, Cantey Ergen; (v) 201 shares of Class A Common Stock held in the 401(k) Plan by Mrs. Ergen; (vi) 5,435 shares of Class A Common Stock held as custodian for Mr. Ergen’s children; and (vii) 31,410,825 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon conversion of Mr. Ergen’s shares of Class B Common Stock. Mr. Ergen has sole voting power with respect to 31,509,695 shares and holds sole dispositive power with respect to 31,509,695 shares. Mr. Ergen’s beneficial ownership of shares of Class A Common Stock excludes: (A) 427,184 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon conversion of shares of Class B Common Stock currently held by GRAT #3; and (B) 849,030 shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon conversion of shares of Class B Common Stock held by certain trusts established by Mr. Ergen for the benefit of his family.

(c) Except as set forth herein, Mr. Ergen does not have beneficial ownership of, and has not engaged in any transaction during the past 60 days in, any shares of Class A Common Stock.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

ITEM 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 is amended and restated as follows:

The trust agreement for the 2009 GRAT contains an irrevocable provision that provides that the trustee will not dispose of any shares of EchoStar held by the 2009 GRAT unless a Change of Control Event occurs. If a Change of Control Event occurs, the trustee of the 2009 GRAT will have sole discretion with respect to the disposition of any shares of EchoStar held by the 2009 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 2009 GRAT.

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 November 30, 2009; 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 9, 2005, September 5, 2008 and November 30, 2009; 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.

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.

CHARLES W. ERGEN

Dated: December 2, 2009

/s/ Charles W. Ergen

Charles W. Ergen

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