

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM SC 13G/A

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### SUBJECT COMPANY

#### **ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP**

CIK: **1001082** | IRS No.: **880336997** | State of Incorporation: **NV** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
Type: **SC 13G/A** | Act: **34** | File No.: **005-46313** | Film No.: **99709575**  
SIC: **4841** Cable & other pay television services

Mailing Address  
5701 SOUTH SANTA FE  
DRIVE  
LITTLETON CO 80120

Business Address  
5701 SOUTH SANTA FE  
DRIVE  
LITTLETON CO 80120  
3037231000

### FILED BY

#### **MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER & CO**

CIK: **895421** | IRS No.: **363145972** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1130**  
Type: **SC 13G/A**  
SIC: **6199** Finance services

Mailing Address  
1585 BROADWAY  
38TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK NY 10036

Business Address  
1585 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK NY 10036  
2127614000

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1 AND 13d-2

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1 )

Echostar Communications Corporation

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

278762109

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(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement [ ].

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\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON(S)  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON(S)

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co.  
IRS # 39-314-5972

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [ ]

(b) [ ]

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

The state of organization is Delaware.

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY 2,679,209  
EACH

REPORTING 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
PERSON 0  
WITH

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
2,679,209

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,679,209

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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

4.95%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IA, CO

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\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON(S)

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON(S)

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Advisors Inc.

IRS # 13-3680016

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [ ]

(b) [ ]

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

The state of organization is Delaware.

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

EACH

REPORTING

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6. SHARED VOTING POWER

1,039,900

PERSON WITH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
1,039,900

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,039,900

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

1.92%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IA, CO

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Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer:  
Echostar Communications Corporation

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
5701 South Santa Fe Drive  
Littleton, CO 80120

Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:  
(a) Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co.  
(b) Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Advisors Inc.

(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence:  
(a) 1585 Broadway  
New York, New York 10036

(b) Two World Trade Center  
New York, New York 10048

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(c) Citizenship:  
Incorporated by reference to Item 4 of the  
cover page pertaining to each reporting person.

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(d) Title of Class of Securities:  
Common Stock

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(e) CUSIP Number:  
278762109

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- Item 3.
- (a) Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. is (e) an Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
- (b) Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Advisors Inc. is (e) an Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

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Item 4. Ownership.

Incorporated by reference to Items (5) - (9) and (11) of the  
cover page.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

- (a) As of the date hereof, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. has  
ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent  
of the class of securities.
- (b) As of the date hereof, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Advisors  
Inc. has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five  
percent of the class of securities.

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

- (a) Inapplicable
- (b) Inapplicable

- Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.
- Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.
- Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.
- Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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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.

Date: September 10, 1999

Signature: /s/ Robert G. Koppenol

Name/Title Robert G. Koppenol / Principal Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated  
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 MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER & CO.

Date: September 10, 1999

Signature: /s/ Barry Fink

Name/Title Barry Fink / Senior Vice President Morgan Stanley Dean Witter

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\* Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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EXHIBIT 1 TO SCHEDULE 13G

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SEPTEMBER 10, 1999

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MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER & CO. AND MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER  
ADVISORS INC. hereby agree that, unless differentiated, this  
Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the parties.

MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER & CO.

BY: /s/ Robert G. Koppenol

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Robert G. Koppenol / Principal Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated

MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER ADVISORS INC.

BY: /s/ Barry Fink

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Barry Fink / Senior Vice President Morgan Stanley Dean Witter  
Advisors Inc.

EXHIBIT 1

MORGAN STANLEY, DEAN WITTER, DISCOVER & CO.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Charlene R. Herzer, a duly elected and acting Assistant Secretary of Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, Discover & Co., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), certify that as approved by a Unanimous Consent of Directors in Lieu of a Meeting dated as of May 31, 1997, the following persons are each authorized to sign reports to be filed under Sections 13 and 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on behalf of the Corporation, and such authorizations are in full force and effect as of this date:

Stuart J.M. Breslow  
Robert G. Koppenol  
Bruce Bromberg  
Robin Sherak

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of the Corporation as of the 3rd day of June, 1997.

/s/ Charlene R. Herzer  
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Charlene R. Herzer  
Assistant Secretaty