

LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name:

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

2. Address:
1233 20TH STREET, NW STE 302, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):
Country: City: ENGLEWOOD State/Zip(or Country): CO 80112

4. Contact Name: ROSS J. LIEBERMAN
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Senate ID #: 13051-12
House ID #: 33299000

7. Client Name: Self

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2006 Midyear (January 1 - June 30): OR Year End (July 1 - December 31):

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report:

10. Check if this is a Termination Report: => Termination Date: 11. No Lobbying Activity:

INCOME OR EXPENSES

Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more: => Income (nearest \$20,000): _____

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more: => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): 240,000.00

14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

- Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only
 Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code
 Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

LOBBYING ACTIVITY.

Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code: COM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

In the House and Senate, the EchoStar lobbied to extend and expand the program access rules, and to reform the retransmission consent rules. In the Senate, the company also lobbied for digital carriage obligations that permit the DBS industry to offer local network broadcast content in HD to as many consumers as possible, and rules that would not subject the industry to a burdensome multicast must carry requirements. EchoStar also lobbied on matters concerning the availability of DBS service to AK and HI, and the rights of State and local governments to regulate the DBS industry. See H.R. 5252

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
US SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LIEBERMAN, ROSS
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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15. General issue area code: CPT (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

EchoStar alerted Offices of House and Senate Members about the significant consumer harms that would result if it were prevented from offering any out-of-market programming to consumers under the Section 119 compulsory copyright license.

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US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
US SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LIEBERMAN, ROSS
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 14, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Ross J. Lieberman, Government Relations -