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	ddress of Reporting	Person *	Symbol			Trading CATIONS	5. Relationship of Issuer (Chec	f Reporting Per		
(Last)	(First) (1	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest TransactionX_ Director					X 10% Owner		
9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD.			(Month/Da 11/09/20	•			_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
ENGLEWO	(Street) OD, CO 80112			ndment, Dar th/Day/Year)	_		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) Form filed by C _X_ Form filed by Person	One Reporting Pe	erson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurities Ac	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Executi any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of	
Class A Common Stock				Code	rinount	(b) Thee	214,027	D		
Class A Common Stock							235	I	I (1)	
Class A Common Stock							350,000	I	I (2)	
Class A							16,800	I	I (3)	

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Class A Common Stock	18,411	I	I (4)
Class A Common Stock	923	I	I (5)

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of Derivative TransactionSecurities Acquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and		
	Security							Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
				Code	V	(A)	(D)			
Class B Common Stock	<u>(6)</u>	11/09/2006		G <u>(7)</u>	V		10,370,241	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Class A Common Stock
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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ERGEN CHARLES W 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	X	X	Chairman and CEO				
ERGEN CANTEY 9601 S. MERIDIAN BLVD. ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112	X						

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## **Signatures**

/s/ Charles W. Ergen, by David K. Moskowitz, his Attorney in Fact 11/13/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

/s/ Cantey M. Ergen, by David K. Moskowitz, her Attorney in Fact 11/13/2006

\*\*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).
- (1) Held by Ms. Cantey Ergen.
- (2) Held by a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust ("GRAT"). The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) The shares are held by a custodian for the reporting persons' minor children. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.
- (4) Held by Mr. Charlie Ergen in a 401(k) account.
- (5) Held by Ms. Cantey Ergen in a 401(k) account.
- (6) The holder of the shares of Class B stock, either Charles. W. Ergen or each GRAT, may elect to convert any or all of their Class B shares into an equal number of Class A shares at any time for no additional consideration.
  - On November 9, 2005, the reporting persons established four GRATs, contributing 12,500,000 Class B shares to each, resulting in the transfer of a total of 50,000,00 Class B Shares. Pursuant to the terms of the Ergen Two-Year GRAT, 4,362,261 shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 9, 2006 with the Ergen Two-Year GRAT retaining 8,137,739 shares. Pursuant to the terms of the
- (7) Ergen Three-Year GRAT, 2,710,266 shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 9, 2006 with the Ergen-Three Year GRAT retaining 9,789,734 shares. Pursuant to the terms of the Ergen-Four Year GRAT, 1,891,568 shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 9, 2006 with the Ergen Four-Year GRAT retaining 10,608,432 shares. Pursuant to the terms of the Ergen Five-Year GRAT, 1,406,146 shares were distributed as an annuity to Mr. Ergen on November 9, 2006 with the Ergen Five-Year GRAT retaining 11,093,854 shares.

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