#### **DESCH MATTHEW J**

Form 4

November 20, 2009

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **DESCH MATTHEW J** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Iridium Communications Inc.

[IRDM]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

11/19/2009

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Chief Executive Officer

C/O IRIDIUM **COMMUNICATIONS INC., 6707** DEMOCRACY BOULEVARD, **SUITE 300** 

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BETHESDA, MD 20817

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Price

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	onDerivative Ex		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.73	11/19/2009		A	400,000		<u>(1)</u>	11/19/2019	Common Stock	400,00

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
DESCH MATTHEW J C/O IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC. 6707 DEMOCRACY BOULEVARD, SUITE 300 BETHESDA, MD 20817	X		Chief Executive Officer			

# **Signatures**

/s/ Christi Novak, attorney-in-fact

\*\*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) 100,000 shares of common stock underlying the option vest on November 19, 2010 and with regard to the balance of 300,000 shares of common stock underlying the option, vesting commences on November 19, 2010 in twelve equal quarterly installments.

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