

ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ARTUSI DANIEL A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC [ATHR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/06/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2007 | | M | | 11,718 A \$ 8.97 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2007 | | S | | 518 D \$ 25.59 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2007 | | S | | 3,400 D \$ 25.57 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2007 | | S | | 400 D \$ 25.55 | D | |
| | 02/06/2007 | | S | | 500 D | D | |
| | | | | | | | 6,900 |

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|--------------|------------|--|---|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| Common Stock | | | | | | \$ 25.53 | | |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2007 | | S | 300 | D | \$ 25.52 | 6,600 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2007 | | S | 200 | D | \$ 25.51 | 6,400 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2007 | | S | 300 | D | \$ 25.5 | 6,100 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2007 | | S | 700 | D | \$ 25.49 | 5,400 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2007 | | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 25.47 | 4,400 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2007 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 25.41 | 4,300 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2007 | | S | 1,670 | D | \$ 25.4 | 2,630 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/06/2007 | | S | 2,630 | D | \$ 25.39 | 0 | D |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Director Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 8.97 | 02/06/2007 | | M | 11,718 | <u>(1)</u> 10/23/2015 | Common Stock | 11,718 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ARTUSI DANIEL A C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | X | | | |

Signatures

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Bruce P. Johnson, Attorney-in-fact | 02/08/2007 |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

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) 25% of the options became exercisable on 10/24/2006, and the remaining options become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments commencing on 11/24/2006. All of the options will become exercisable upon the occurrence of a change in control of the Issuer.

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