

LAZAR JACK R  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
LAZAR JACK R

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)  
03/17/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer and VP

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	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	03/17/2008		M		10,000	A	\$ 2.26 32,667	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		500	D	\$ 21.4 32,167	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		500	D	\$ 21.34 31,667	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		200	D	\$ 21.32 31,467	D
	03/17/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		400	D	\$ 21.31 31,067	D

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 21.26	30,867	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 21.25	30,767	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 21.24	30,567	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 21.19	30,067	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 21.17	29,667	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 21.02	29,467	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 21	29,267	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 20,999	29,167	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	900	D	\$ 20.99	28,267	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 20.95	28,167	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 20.94	27,767	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	800	D	\$ 20.93	26,967	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 20.92	26,467	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	600	D	\$ 20.91	25,867	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 20.89	25,467	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	600	D	\$ 20.88	24,867	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 20.87	24,467	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 20.86	24,267	D
Common Stock	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 20.83	23,967	D
	03/17/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 20.77	23,667	D

Common  
Stock

Common Stock 03/17/2008 S<sup>(1)</sup> 600 D \$ 20.76 23,067 D

Common Stock 03/17/2008 S<sup>(1)</sup> 400 D \$ 20.75 22,667 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 2.26	03/17/2008		M	10,000	10/03/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/03/2013	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAZAR JACK R  
C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY  
SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

Chief Financial Officer and VP

## Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson,  
Attorney-in-fact 03/18/2008

\*\*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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

All of the options became exercisable on 10/03/2003. The shares underlying the options are subject to the issuer's right of repurchase

(2) which lapsed as to 25% of the shares on 09/29/2004, and lapsed as to the remaining shares in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on 10/29/2004.

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