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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 \*  
 Rabinovitsj 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)  
 05/24/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President & GM

C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 1700 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE

(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

SAN JOSE,, CA 95110

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price (A) or (D)  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/24/2011                           |  | A                              |   | 33,500 (1)  | A  | \$ 0 (1) 111,118 D                |
| Common Stock                    | 05/24/2011                           |  | D                              |   | 15,500 (2)  | D  | \$ 0 (2) 111,118 D                |
| Common Stock                    | 05/24/2011                           |  | D                              |   | 109,593 (3)   | D  | \$ 0 (3) 1,525 D                  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/24/2011                           |  | D                              |   | 1,525 (4)   | D  | \$ 45 (4) 0 D                     |



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cancelled and converted into RSUs for a number of shares of Qualcomm common stock determined by multiplying the number of shares of Issuer common stock subject to these RSUs by approximately 0.791. These RSUs will vest on a time-based schedule.

- Consists of RSUs that were cancelled and converted into RSUs for a number of shares of Qualcomm common stock determined by
- (3) multiplying the number of shares of Issuer common stock subject to these RSUs by approximately 0.791, subject to substantially the same terms and conditions as applied to these RSUs, pursuant to the Merger Agreement.
  - (4) Disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for \$45.00 per share on the effective date of the Merger.
  - (5) 25% of the options shall become exercisable on 5/28/2011, and the remaining options become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments commencing 6/28/2011.

- This option was cancelled and converted into an option to purchase a number of shares of Qualcomm common stock determined by
- (6) multiplying the number of shares of Issuer common stock underlying the option by approximately 0.791, subject to substantially the same terms and conditions as applied to this option, pursuant to the Merger Agreement.

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