

ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
 TACHNER ADAM H

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)
 07/31/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP & General Counsel

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 400 D | \$ 16.52 | 12,336 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 100 D | \$ 16.5 | 12,236 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,400 D | \$ 16.46 | 10,836 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 200 D | \$ 16.43 | 10,636 | D |
| | 07/31/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 600 D | | 10,036 | D |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|--|----------|-------|---|
| Common Stock | | | | | | \$ 16.42 | | |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 400 | D | | \$ 16.41 | 9,636 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,600 | D | | \$ 16.4 | 8,036 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 800 | D | | \$ 16.39 | 7,236 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 2,540 | D | | \$ 16.38 | 4,696 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 300 | D | | \$ 16.37 | 4,396 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,560 | D | | \$ 16.36 | 2,836 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,388 | D | | \$ 16.34 | 1,448 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 512 | D | | \$ 16.32 | 936 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/31/2006 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 200 | D | | \$ 16.31 | 736 | 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TACHNER ADAM H C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054 | | | VP & General Counsel | |

Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson,
Attorney-in-fact

07/31/2006

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

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