

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 \*  
Antes Todd

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)  
11/08/2006

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

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		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	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	11/08/2006		M		1,900	A	\$ 9.74	2,484 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	11/08/2006		S		400	D	\$ 22.6517	2,084	D
Common Stock	11/08/2006		S		900	D	\$ 22.6507	1,184	D
Common Stock	11/08/2006		S		100	D	\$ 22.6506	1,084	D
	11/08/2006		S		300	D		784	D

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Common Stock					\$	22.6505	
Common Stock	11/08/2006	S	200	D	\$ 22.65	584	D
Common Stock	11/09/2006	M	5,600	A	\$ 9.74	6,184	D
Common Stock	11/09/2006	S	959	D	\$ 21.95	5,225	D
Common Stock	11/09/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 21.87	4,225	D
Common Stock	11/09/2006	S	641	D	\$ 21.86	3,584	D
Common Stock	11/09/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 21.85	584	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 9.74	11/08/2006		M	1,900	07/21/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/21/2015	Common Stock	1,900
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 9.74	11/09/2006		M	5,600	07/21/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/21/2015	Common Stock	5,600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Antes Todd C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY SANTA CLARA, CA 95054			Vice President Marketing	

## Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson, 11/10/2006  
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) Includes 460 shares acquired in May 2006 and 124 shares acquired in November 2006 pursuant to the 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) 25% of the options became exercisable on 7/21/2006, and the remaining options become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments commencing 8/21/2006.

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