

ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC  
 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 \*  
 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)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP & General Counsel

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/08/2008

SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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	04/08/2008		M	10,000	A \$ 3.34	21,334	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	400	D \$ 23.5	20,934	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D \$ 23.35	20,834	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D \$ 23.34	20,734	D
	04/08/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D \$ 23.33	20,634	D

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 23.32	20,234	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 23.31	19,934	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 23.295	19,834	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 23.28	19,634	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 23.27	19,534	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 23.21	19,334	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	600	D	\$ 23.2	18,734	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	300	D	\$ 23.19	18,434	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 23.18	18,034	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,300	D	\$ 23.17	16,734	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 23.16	16,634	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	400	D	\$ 23.15	16,234	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,400	D	\$ 23.14	14,834	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 23.13	14,334	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 23.12	14,134	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	900	D	\$ 23.1	13,234	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 23.09	12,734	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 23.08	12,634	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	800	D	\$ 23.07	11,834	D
	04/08/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 23.06	11,634	D



## 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 11/12/2003. The shares underlying the options are subject to the issuer's right of repurchase that

(2) lapsed as to 25% of the shares on 8/13/2004, and lapsed as to the remaining shares in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on 9/13/2004.

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