

BASKETT FOREST
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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 *
 BASKETT FOREST

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)
 1119 ST. PAUL STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/25/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

BALTIMORE, MD 21202
 (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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	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
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 1)	(Instr. 1)	(Instr. 1)	(Instr. 1)	(Instr. 1)	(Instr. 1)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8.53	05/25/2005	A		7,500		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BASKETT FOREST 1119 ST. PAUL STREET BALTIMORE, MD 21202	X			

Signatures

Louis S. Citron,
attorney-in-fact

05/27/2005

__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) Grant to the Reporting Person of a non-statutory option.
- (2) The option vests monthly over 12 months from the date of grant.
- (3) The option expires ten years less one day from the date of grant, unless it expires sooner pursuant to the terms of the Issuer's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.

Remarks:

In addition to the securities reported herein, the Reporting Person indirectly owns 60,456 common shares in the Baskett-Bell F

The Reporting Person also is a manager of NEA 11 GP, LLC, the general partner of NEA Partners 11, L.P., which is the gener

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