

FRANKLIN PAUL G
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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 *
FRANKLIN PAUL G

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)
12/12/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President Operations

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 | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2005 | | M | | 5,000 | A | \$ 6.34 | 9,073 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 12/12/2005 | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 5,000 | D | \$ 11.5 | 4,073 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 6.34 | 12/12/2005 | | M | 5,000 | 11/25/2003 ⁽³⁾ 11/25/2013 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FRANKLIN PAUL G
C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY
SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

Vice President Operations

Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson, 12/12/2005
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 413 shares acquired in November 2005 pursuant to the 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

All of the options became exercisable on 11/25/2003. The shares underlying the options are subject to the issuer's right of repurchase that

- (3) lapsed as to 25% of the shares on 11/24/2004, and lapses as to the remaining shares in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on 12/24/2004.

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