

TACHNER ADAM H  
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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)  
 04/20/2010

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/20/2010		M	50,000 A	\$ 14.38 82,646	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	49,000 D	\$ 42.9668 33,646	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,000 D	\$ 43.3 32,646	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)	\$ 14.38	04/20/2010		M	50,000	<u>(4)</u> 01/18/2011	Common Stock	50,000

## 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 04/21/2010

\_\_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.

Represents the weighted average sales price for a number of sale transactions effected at prices ranging from \$42.27 to \$43.2077. The

(2) Reporting Person has provided to the issuer, and undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, or any security holder of the issuer, information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range.

(3) Represents the weighted average sales price for a number of sale transactions effected at prices ranging from \$43.28 to \$43.31. The Reporting Person has provided to the issuer, and undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, or any security holder of the issuer,

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information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range.

- (4) Options became exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 2/18/2006.

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