

Naskar Ben D  
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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 \*  
Naskar Ben D

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)  
01/22/2010

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/22/2010		M	7,986 A \$ 27.37	69,550	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	7,000 D \$ 34.0403	62,550	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,486 D \$ 34.6512	59,064	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2010		A	45,000 A \$ 0	104,064	D	



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- Represents the weighted average sales price for a number of sale transactions effected at prices ranging from \$33.60 to \$34.45. 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.

- Represents the weighted average sales price for a number of sale transactions effected at prices ranging from \$34.60 to \$34.70. The
- (3) 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.

- On February 6, 2009, the Reporting Person was granted restricted stock units ("RSUs") that would vest subject to the Issuer's satisfaction of certain performance criteria for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. The performance criteria for 2009 were met and certified by
- (4) the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors on January 22, 2010, resulting in vesting of the RSUs as follows: The RSUs will vest and be settled in shares of the Issuer's common stock over three (3) years, with the first 1/3 of the RSUs vesting on February 8, 2010 and the remaining RSUs vesting in equal quarterly installments over the following two (2) years.
- (5) The options become exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on March 13, 2008.

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