LAZAR JACK R

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LAZAR JACK R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC [ATHR]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2010

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

below) Chief Financial Officer and VP

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)

SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

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Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative So	ecuri	ities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		d of (I	D)	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	02/02/2010		M	12,500 A	A	\$ 2.26	99,726	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2010		M	4,064 A	A	\$ 10.03	103,790	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2010		M	12,500 A	A	\$ 14.38	116,290	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	30,000 I	D	\$ 33.3847 (2)	86,290	D	

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Common Stock $S_{\underline{(1)}}$ 619 D 33.3107 85,671 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 or 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 2.26	02/02/2010		M	12,500	<u>(4)</u>	10/03/2013	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 10.03	02/02/2010		M	4,064	<u>(5)</u>	01/21/2015	Common Stock	4,064
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.38	02/02/2010		M	12,500	<u>(6)</u>	01/15/2011	Common Stock	12,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAZAR JACK R C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY Chief Financial Officer and VP

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Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson, Attorney-in-fact 02/03/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Date

- (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 \$33.02 to \$33.67. 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 \$33.24 to \$33.45. 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.
- All of the options became exercisable on 10/03/2003. The shares underlying the options were subject to the issuer's right of repurchase (4) which lapsed as to 25% of the shares on 09/29/2004, and lapsed as to the remaining shares in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on 10/29/2004.
- (5) 25% of the options became exercisable on 1/21/2006, and the remaining options became exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments commencing on 2/21/2006.
- (6) The options became exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 2/18/2006.

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