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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Szilagyi Gary

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC [ATHR]

(Check all applicable)

Vice President Sales & GM

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

05/10/2010

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

C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 5480

GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

(City)

(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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V		(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	,
Common Stock	05/10/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	1,833	D	\$ 36.1836	32,197 (2)	I	See Footnote (3)
Common Stock							51,433	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	ate, if TransactionNu		Expiration Date		Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
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					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	Title	Or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Number of			
				Codo V	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Szilagyi Gary C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

Vice President Sales & GM

Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson, Attorney-in-fact 05/11/2010

**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.
- (2) Includes 935 shares acquired in May 2010 pursuant to the 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) By the Szilagyi Family Revocable Trust

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