# **UNITED STATES**

# **SECURITIES**

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

0-50534 (Commission File Number)

77-0485570 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

**Identification No.)** 

529 Almanor Avenue, Sunnyvale, California 94085

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (408) 773-5200

#### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The information in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On October 4, 2004, the Registrant issued a press release updating its financial guidance for its fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2004. The full text of the Registrant s press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit	Description
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99.1	Press Release dated October 4, 2004.

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 4, 2004

### ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: /s/ Jack R. Lazar

Name: Jack R. Lazar

Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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