

LAZAR JACK R  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
LAZAR JACK R

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)  
Chief Financial Officer and VP

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/22/2009

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/22/2009		M		5,000	A	\$ 9.34
Common Stock	07/22/2009		M		13,436	A	\$ 10.03
Common Stock	07/22/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>		20,000	D	\$ 24.4069
							<sup>(2)</sup>

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 9.34	07/22/2009		M	5,000	01/14/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/14/2014	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 10.03	07/22/2009		M	13,436	<sup>(4)</sup> 01/21/2015	Common Stock	13,436

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAZAR JACK R  
C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY  
SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

Chief Financial Officer and VP

## Signatures

Adam H. Tachner,  
Attorney-in-fact 07/24/2009

\*\*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.

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- Represents the weighted average sales price for a number of sale transactions effected at prices ranging from \$24.1209 to \$24.80. 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.

- All of the options became exercisable on 1/14/2004. The shares underlying the options are subject to the issuer's right of repurchase that
- (3) lapsed as to 25% of the shares on 1/14/2005, and lapsed as to the remaining shares in 48 equal monthly installments beginning on 2/14/2005.

- (4) 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.

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