

FRANKLIN PAUL G  
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 \*  
FRANKLIN PAUL G

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)  
01/10/2006

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

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)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount or Price	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/10/2006		M	20,000	A	\$ 6.34	24,073	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	500	D	\$ 13.62	23,573	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D	\$ 13.67	23,273	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	250	D	\$ 13.7	23,023	D	
	01/10/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D		22,823	D	

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Common Stock						\$ 13.74	
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D	\$ 13.75	22,523	D
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	300	D	\$ 13.76	22,223	D
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	500	D	\$ 13.82	21,723	D
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	500	D	\$ 13.83	21,223	D
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	500	D	\$ 13.85	20,723	D
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	900	D	\$ 13.86	19,823	D
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	500	D	\$ 13.87	19,323	D
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,100	D	\$ 13.9	17,223	D
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,500	D	\$ 13.91	15,723	D
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,150	D	\$ 13.92	14,573	D
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	500	D	\$ 13.95	14,073	D
Common Stock	01/10/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	D	\$ 14.5	4,073	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 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Title

						Expiration Date			Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 6.34	01/10/2006	M	20,000	11/25/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	11/25/2013	Common Stock	20,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRANKLIN PAUL G C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054			Vice President Operations	

## Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson,  
Attorney-in-fact

01/10/2006

\*\*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.
- All of the options became exercisable on 11/25/2003. The shares underlying the options are subject to the issuer's right of repurchase that
- (2) lapsed as to 25% of the shares on 11/24/2004, and lapses as to the remaining shares in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on 12/24/2004.

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