

ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC  
 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 \*  
**HENNESSY JOHN L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY

(Street)

SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC [ATHR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/17/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 05/17/2006                           |  | S(1)                           | 300 D   | \$ 21.55 279,936  | I  | By the 1993 Hennessy Revocable Trust                  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/17/2006                           |  | S(1)                           | 300 D   | \$ 21.54 279,636  | I  | By the 1993 Hennessy Revocable Trust                  |

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|              |            |                        |       |   |          |         |   |  |
|--------------|------------|------------------------|-------|---|----------|---------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 300   | D | \$ 21.53 | 279,336 | I | By the<br>1993<br>Hennessy<br>Revocable<br>Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 1,700 | D | \$ 21.51 | 277,636 | I | By the<br>1993<br>Hennessy<br>Revocable<br>Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 500   | D | \$ 21.5  | 277,136 | I | By the<br>1993<br>Hennessy<br>Revocable<br>Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 700   | D | \$ 21.49 | 276,436 | I | By the<br>1993<br>Hennessy<br>Revocable<br>Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 300   | D | \$ 21.48 | 276,136 | I | By the<br>1993<br>Hennessy<br>Revocable<br>Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 700   | D | \$ 21.47 | 275,436 | I | By the<br>1993<br>Hennessy<br>Revocable<br>Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 400   | D | \$ 21.45 | 275,036 | I | By the<br>1993<br>Hennessy<br>Revocable<br>Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 200   | D | \$ 21.44 | 274,836 | I | By the<br>1993<br>Hennessy<br>Revocable<br>Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 100   | D | \$ 21.43 | 274,736 | I | By the<br>1993<br>Hennessy<br>Revocable<br>Trust |
|              | 05/17/2006 | <u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u> | 100   | D | \$ 21.42 | 274,636 | I |  |

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|--------------|------------|-------------|-----|---|-----------|---------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Common Stock |            |             |     |   |           |         |   |  | By the 1993 Hennessy Revocable Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 300 | D | \$ 21.41  | 274,336 | I |  | By the 1993 Hennessy Revocable Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 675 | D | \$ 21.4   | 273,661 | I |  | By the 1993 Hennessy Revocable Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 21.395 | 273,561 | I |  | By the 1993 Hennessy Revocable Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 662 | D | \$ 21.39  | 272,899 | I |  | By the 1993 Hennessy Revocable Trust |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 150 | D | \$ 22.59  | 6,100   | I |  | By Son                               |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 22.44  | 6,000   | I |  | By Son                               |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 22.36  | 5,900   | I |  | By Son                               |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 50  | D | \$ 22.28  | 5,850   | I |  | By Son                               |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 21.96  | 5,750   | I |  | By Son                               |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 21.83  | 5,650   | I |  | By Son                               |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 21.77  | 5,550   | I |  | By Son                               |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 21.68  | 5,450   | I |  | By Son                               |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 21.6   | 5,350   | I |  | By Son                               |
|              | 05/17/2006 | <u>S(1)</u> | 50  | D | \$ 21.57  | 5,300   | I |  | By Son                               |

|              |            |                  |     |   |          |       |   |        |  |
|--------------|------------|------------------|-----|---|----------|-------|---|--------|--|
| Common Stock |            |                  |     |   |          |       |   |        |  |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 100 | D | \$ 21.51 | 5,200 | I | By Son |  |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 35  | D | \$ 21.47 | 5,165 | I | By Son |  |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 150 | D | \$ 21.46 | 5,015 | I | By Son |  |
| Common Stock | 05/17/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 100 | D | \$ 21.41 | 4,915 | I | By Son |  |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HENNESSY JOHN L  
C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY  
SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

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## Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson,  
Attorney-in-fact

05/19/2006

\_\_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.

### Remarks:

Remarks: Form 4 Filing 3 of 5 (continuation report): Related transactions effected by the Reporting Person on May 17, 2006

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