

HENNESSY JOHN L  
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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

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)  
07/13/2006

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

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) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount Price                                 |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/13/2006                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 100 D \$ 16.91  | 234,099   | I  | See Footnote (2)                  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/13/2006                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 300 D \$ 16.9   | 233,799   | I  | See Footnote (2)                  |
| Common Stock                    | 07/13/2006                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 300 D \$ 16.89  | 233,499   | I  | See Footnote (2)                  |

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|--------------|------------|--------------|-----|---|----------|---------|---|------------------|
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 16.87 | 233,399 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 500 | D | \$ 16.86 | 232,899 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 300 | D | \$ 16.85 | 232,599 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 300 | D | \$ 16.84 | 232,299 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 156 | D | \$ 16.83 | 232,143 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 444 | D | \$ 16.82 | 231,699 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 400 | D | \$ 16.81 | 231,299 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 700 | D | \$ 16.8  | 230,599 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 300 | D | \$ 16.75 | 230,299 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 200 | D | \$ 16.73 | 230,099 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 16.71 | 229,999 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 200 | D | \$ 16.62 | 229,799 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 100 | D | \$ 16.58 | 229,699 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 300 | D | \$ 16.55 | 229,399 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | <u>S</u> (1) | 300 | D | \$ 16.5  | 229,099 | I | See Footnote     |

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|              |            |                  |     |   |          |         |   | (2)              |
|--------------|------------|------------------|-----|---|----------|---------|---|------------------|
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 300 | D | \$ 16.48 | 228,799 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 200 | D | \$ 16.38 | 228,599 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 100 | D | \$ 16.36 | 228,499 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 300 | D | \$ 16.35 | 228,199 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 300 | D | \$ 16.28 | 227,899 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 70  | D | \$ 17.6  | 3,055   | I | By Son           |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 100 | D | \$ 17.5  | 2,955   | I | By Son           |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 71  | D | \$ 17.38 | 2,884   | I | By Son           |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 60  | D | \$ 17.37 | 2,824   | I | By Son           |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 75  | D | \$ 17.34 | 2,749   | I | By Son           |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 130 | D | \$ 17.3  | 2,619   | I | By Son           |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 100 | D | \$ 17.2  | 2,519   | 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 | 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 | 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 Beneficially Owned |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
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