

ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC
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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

(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)
 05/01/2006

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)
 Vice President Operations

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/01/2006		M		20,826	A	\$ 6.34
Common Stock	05/01/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		2,000	D	\$ 25.05
Common Stock	05/01/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		520	D	\$ 24.98
Common Stock	05/01/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		263	D	\$ 24.94
	05/01/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		214	D	21,902

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Common Stock					\$ 24.69		
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	357	D	\$ 24.65	21,545	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 24.62	21,045	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	2,573	D	\$ 24.61	18,472	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	429	D	\$ 24.6	18,043	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	357	D	\$ 24.59	17,686	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	399	D	\$ 24.58	17,287	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	71	D	\$ 24.56	17,216	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	286	D	\$ 24.55	16,930	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	2,857	D	\$ 24.5	14,073	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	574	D	\$ 24.38	13,499	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	319	D	\$ 24.19	13,180	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	957	D	\$ 24.18	12,223	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	255	D	\$ 24.17	11,968	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	766	D	\$ 24.16	11,202	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	511	D	\$ 24.14	10,691	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	511	D	\$ 24.08	10,180	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	383	D	\$ 24.06	9,797	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	255	D	\$ 24.03	9,542	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	702	D	\$ 23.98	8,840	D
	05/01/2006	<u>S(1)</u>	571	D		8,269	D

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Common Stock					\$			
					23.97			
Common Stock	05/01/2006		S ⁽¹⁾	455	D	\$ 23.9	7,814	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006		S ⁽¹⁾	552	D	\$ 23.89	7,262	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006		S ⁽¹⁾	191	D	\$ 23.85	7,071	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006		S ⁽¹⁾	893	D	\$ 23.82	6,178	D
Common Stock	05/01/2006		S ⁽¹⁾	255	D	\$ 23.81	5,923	D

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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)
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 6.34	05/01/2006		M	20,826	11/25/2003 ⁽²⁾ 11/25/2013	Common Stock 20,8

Reporting Owners

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

SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson,
Attorney-in-fact

05/02/2006

 **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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