

ARTUSI DANIEL A
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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 *
 ARTUSI DANIEL A

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)
 05/24/2011

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

C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 1700 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE

(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
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SAN JOSE,, CA 95110

(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) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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)

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This option was cancelled and converted into the right to receive a cash payment equal to the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock underlying this option multiplied by the amount, if any, that \$45.00 exceeded the exercise price of this option, less any applicable withholding taxes, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of January 5, 2011, by and among Atheros Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), Qualcomm Incorporated, a Delaware corporation ("Qualcomm"), and T Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Qualcomm ("Merger Sub"), pursuant to which Merger Sub merged with and into the Issuer with the Issuer surviving the merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Qualcomm (the "Merger").

- (3) The options become exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 6/22/2009. All of the options became exercisable upon the effective date of the Merger.
- (4) The options become exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 6/24/2010. All of the options became exercisable upon the effective date of the Merger.

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