

BARRATT CRAIG H
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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 *
 BARRATT CRAIG H

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/11/2010

SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/11/2010 | | M | | 7,489 | A | \$ 9.34 |
| Common Stock | 02/11/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 37,489 | D | \$ 34.05 |
| Common Stock | 02/12/2010 | | M | | 22,511 | A | \$ 9.34 |
| Common Stock | 02/12/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 22,511 | D | \$ 34.1137 |
| | | | | | | | <u>(2)</u> |

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|--------------|-------|---|-------------------------|
| Common Stock | 2,250 | I | See Footnote <u>(3)</u> |
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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 34.02 | 02/11/2010 | | A | 143,000 | <u>(4)</u> | 02/10/2017 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 9.34 | 02/11/2010 | | M | 7,489 | 01/14/2004 ⁽⁵⁾ | 01/14/2014 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 9.34 | 02/12/2010 | | M | 22,511 | 01/14/2004 ⁽⁵⁾ | 01/14/2014 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BARRATT CRAIG H C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY | X | | President and CEO | |

SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054

Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson,
Attorney-in-fact

02/12/2010

__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.
Represents the weighted average sales price for a number of sale transactions effected at prices ranging from \$34.05 to \$34.24. The
 - (2) Reporting Person has provided to the issuer, and undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, or any security holder of the issuer, information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range.
These shares are held in trust for the benefit of the reporting person's son. The reporting person's brother-in-law is the trustee of the trust.
 - (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
 - (4) The options become exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on March 11, 2010.
All of the options became exercisable on 1/14/2004. The shares underlying the options are subject to the issuer's right of repurchase that
 - (5) lapsed as to 30,000 of the shares on 1/14/2005, and lapsed as to the remaining shares in 48 equal monthly installments beginning on 2/14/2005.

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