

KING CHRISTINE  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
KING CHRISTINE

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)  
02/01/2010

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	02/01/2010		M		1,250 A \$ 16.04	2,460	D
Common Stock	02/01/2010		M		15,000 A \$ 23.48	17,460	D
Common Stock	02/01/2010		S		11,510 D \$ 33.13	5,950	D

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 16.04	02/01/2010		M	1,250	<sup>(2)</sup> 05/21/2019	Common Stock	1,250
Director Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 23.48	02/01/2010		M	15,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 04/03/2018	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KING CHRISTINE  
C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. X  
5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY  
SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

## Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson, 02/02/2010  
Attorney-in-fact

        \*\*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).

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Represents the weighted average sales price for a number of sale transactions effected at prices ranging from \$33.05 to \$33.19. The 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.

- (2) The options become exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on June 22, 2009. All of the options will become exercisable upon the occurrence of a change in control of the Issuer.
- (3) 25% of the options become exercisable on 4/4/2009, and the remaining options become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments commencing on 5/4/2009. All of the options will become exercisable upon the occurrence of a change in control of the Issuer.

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