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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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Issuer

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS

Symbol

(Print or Type Responses)

ZHENG JASON

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

			INC [ATHR]				No	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 1700 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2011					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President & GM			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
SAN JOSE,, CA 95110				nth/Day/Year	·)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-L	Derivative Se	curiti	es Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie or(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4	oosed of and 5) (A) or	of (D)	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)	
Common Stock	05/24/2011			Code V A	Amount 37,500 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0 (1)	219,874	D		
Common Stock	05/24/2011			D	20,000 (2)	D	\$ 0 (2)	219,874	D		
Common Stock	05/24/2011			D	90,937 (3)	D	\$ 0 (3)	128,937	D		
Common Stock	05/24/2011			D	128,937	D	\$ 45 (4)	0	D		
	05/24/2011			D	8,426 <u>(5)</u>	D		0	I		

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 13.87	05/24/2011		D	15	50,000	<u>(6)</u>	02/15/2019	Common Stock	150,00
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 34.02	05/24/2011		D	5	50,000	<u>(8)</u>	02/10/2017	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ZHENG JASON C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 1700 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE SAN JOSE,, CA 95110

Senior Vice President & GM

Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson, Attorney-in-fact 05/24/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) Consists of restricted stock units ("RSUs") that were granted on 5/24/2011.
 - Consists of RSUs that were granted on 1/16/2011, that would vest subject to the Issuer's satisfaction of certain performance criteria for the fiscal year ended 12/31/2011; provided, however, that upon the closing of the merger contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of January 5, 2011 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Issuer, Qualcomm Incorporated ("Qualcomm") and T
- (2) 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 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Qualcomm (the "Merger"), these RSUs were cancelled and converted into RSUs for a number of shares of Qualcomm common stock determined by multiplying the number of shares of Issuer common stock subject to these RSUs by approximately 0.791. These RSUs will vest on a time-based schedule.
- Consists of RSUs that were cancelled and converted into RSUs for a number of shares of Qualcomm common stock determined by

 (3) multiplying the number of shares of Issuer common stock subject to these RSUs by approximately 0.791, subject to substantially the same terms and conditions as applied to these RSUs, pursuant to the Merger Agreement.
- (4) Disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for \$45.00 per share on the effective date of the Merger.
- (5) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (6) 25% of the options became exercisable on 2/16/2010, and the remaining options become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments commencing on 3/16/2010.
- This option was cancelled and converted into an option to purchase a number of shares of Qualcomm common stock determined by

 (7) multiplying the number of shares of Issuer common stock underlying the option by approximately 0.791, subject to substantially the same terms and conditions as applied to these options, pursuant to the Merger Agreement.
- (8) The options became exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 3/11/2010.

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