

BARRATT CRAIG H

Form 4

December 02, 2010

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/02/2010

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
President and CEO

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
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/02/2010		M	50,000	A \$ 14.38	278,263	D
Common Stock	12/02/2010		S ⁽¹⁾	50,000	D \$ 34.0576	228,263	D
Common Stock						2,250	I
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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.38	12/02/2010		M	50,000	<u>(4)</u> 01/18/2011	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BARRATT CRAIG H C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 1700 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE SAN JOSE,, CA 95110	X President and CEO

Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson,
Attorney-in-fact 12/02/2010

__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.

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Represents the weighted average sales price for a number of sale transactions effected at prices ranging from \$34.05 to \$34.10. 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 became exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 2/18/2006.

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