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#### FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC [ATHR] Chu Hing (Month/Day/Year) 01/21/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O ATHEROS 02/02/2009 (Check all applicable) COMMUNICATIONS, INC.. 5480 GREAT 10% Owner Director AMERICA PARKWAY \_X\_\_ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Vice President Operations Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person SANTA CLARA, Â CAÂ 95054 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 15,600 (1) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Date Exercisable and | 3. Title and Amount of | 4.          | 5.        | 6. Nature of Indirect |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Security               | Expiration Date         | Securities Underlying  | Conversion  | Ownership | Beneficial            |
| (Instr. 4)             | (Month/Day/Year)        | Derivative Security    | or Exercise | Form of   | Ownership             |

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|  | Date Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|--|------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------|
| Employee Stock<br>Options (right to buy) | 03/13/2002(2)    | 03/12/2012         | Common<br>Stock  | 10,500                           | \$ 1.72                            | D   | Â          |
| Employee Stock<br>Options (right to buy) | 08/13/2003(3)    | 08/12/2013         | Common<br>Stock  | 9,000                            | \$ 1.987                           | D   | Â          |
| Employee Stock<br>Options (right to buy) | (4)              | 08/19/2010         | Common<br>Stock  | 313                              | \$ 7.75                            | D   | Â          |
| Employee Stock<br>Options (right to buy) | (5)              | 09/02/2010         | Common<br>Stock  | 105                              | \$ 7.91                            | D   | Â          |
| Employee Stock<br>Options (right to buy) | (6)              | 06/23/2015         | Common<br>Stock  | 15,000                           | \$ 8.89                            | D   | Â          |
| Employee Stock<br>Options (right to buy) | (7)              | 08/25/2015         | Common<br>Stock  | 30,000                           | \$ 10.37                           | D   | Â          |
| Employee Stock<br>Options (right to buy) | (8)              | 09/12/2016         | Common<br>Stock  | 20,000                           | \$ 17.36                           | D   | Â          |
| Employee Stock<br>Options (right to buy) | (9)              | 02/01/2014         | Common<br>Stock  | 22,500                           | \$ 24.4                            | D   | Â          |
| Employee Stock<br>Options (right to buy) | (10)             | 02/12/2015         | Common<br>Stock  | 21,000                           | \$ 27.37                           | D   | Â          |

### **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| copyrous of the real of the copyron   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| Chu Hing<br>C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.<br>5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY<br>SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | Â             | Â         | Vice President Operations | Â     |

### **Signatures**

Bruce P. Johnson Attorney-in-fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Includes 1,406 Restricted Stock Units that will vest and be settled in shares of Common Stock in 9 equal quarterly installments commencing February 2, 2009 and 4,550 Restricted Stock Units that will vest and be settled in shares of Common Stock in 13 equal quarterly installments commencing February 2, 2009.

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- All of the options became exercisable on 3/13/02. The shares underlying the options are subject to the issuer's right of repurchase that lapsed as to 25% of the shares on 4/1/2003 and lapsed as to the remaining shares in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on 5/1/2003.
- All of the options became exercisable on 8/13/2003. The shares underlying the options are subject to the issuer's right of repurchase that lapsed as to 20% of the shares on 8/13/2004, and lapsed as to the remaining shares in 48 equal monthly installments beginning on 9/13/2004.
- (4) 25% of the options became exercisable on 8/20/2005, and the remaining options became exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on 9/20/2005.
- (5) 25% of the options became exercisable on 9/03/2005, and the remaining options became exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on 10/03/2005.
- (6) 25% of the options became exercisable on 6/24/2006, and the remaining options become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on 7/24/2006.
- (7) 25% of the options became exercisable on 8/19/2006, and the remaining options become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on 9/19/2006.
- (8) The options become exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 10/13/2006.
- (9) The options become exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 03/02/2007.
- (10) The options become exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 03/13/2008.

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