

FOSTER THOMAS J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
FOSTER THOMAS J

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)  
08/01/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President Sales

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		
Common Stock	08/01/2005		M		10,000 A \$ 1.72	12,943	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,000 D \$ 10.8	10,943	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		6,000 D \$ 10.75	4,943	D
Common Stock	08/01/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,000 D \$ 10.72	2,943	D

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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)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security.

Table row for Employee Stock Option (right to buy) with details: Price \$ 1.72, Date 08/01/2005, Code M, Quantity 10,000, Date Exercisable 11/14/2001, Expiration Date 11/14/2011, Title Common Stock, Amount 10,000.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Entry: FOSTER THOMAS J, C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 5480 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY, SANTA CLARA,, CA 95054, Vice President Sales.

Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson, Attorney-in-fact, 08/01/2005

\*\*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.
(2) All of the options became exercisable on 11/14/2001. The shares underlying the options are subject to the issuer's right of repurchase that lapsed as to 25% of the shares on 11/5/2002, and lapses as to the remaining shares in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on 12/5/2002.

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