

Torre David D
Form 4
May 24, 2011

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 *
Torre David D

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)

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 below) ____ Other (specify below)
VP & Chief Accounting Officer

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	05/24/2011		D	Amount (1) 5,000 (A) or (D) D Price (1) \$ 0	31,191	D	
Common Stock	05/24/2011		D	Amount (2) 17,744 (A) or (D) D Price (2) \$ 0	13,447	D	
Common Stock	05/24/2011		D	Amount (3) 13,447 (A) or (D) D Price (3) \$ 45	0	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)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 1.72	05/24/2011		D	30,000	<u>(4)</u>	03/11/2013	Common Stock	30,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 15.24	05/24/2011		D	10,000	<u>(4)</u>	04/20/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 10.03	05/24/2011		D	30,000	<u>(4)</u>	01/20/2015	Common Stock	30,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 24.4	05/24/2011		D	30,000	<u>(4)</u>	02/01/2014	Common Stock	30,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 27.37	05/24/2011		D	24,000	<u>(6)</u>	02/12/2015	Common Stock	24,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 34.02	05/24/2011		D	15,000	<u>(7)</u>	02/10/2017	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Torre David D C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 1700 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE SAN JOSE,, CA 95110			VP & Chief Accounting Officer	

Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson,
Attorney-in-fact

05/24/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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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

- (1) 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

- (2) 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.
- (3) Disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for \$45.00 per share on the effective date of the Merger.
- (4) The options are fully vested and exercisable.

This option was cancelled and converted into an option to purchase a number of shares of Qualcomm common stock determined by

- (5) 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.
- (6) The options became exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 3/13/2008.
- (7) The options became exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on 3/11/2010.

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