HENNESSY JOHN L Form 4/A March 30, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

HENNESSY JOHN L

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| | ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS INC [ATHR] | | | | IONS | (Check all applicable) | | | | | | | |
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| | ICATIONS, II | (Middle) NC., 529 | | of Earliest T Day/Year) 2005 | ransaction | | | X Director Officer (giv below) | | % Owner her (specify | | | |
| ALMANOI | R AVENUE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (Street) 4. If Ar | | | | Amendment, Date Original | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | |
| • | | | | onth/Day/Year) | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
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| (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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/22/2005 | | | S(1) | 1,563 | D | \$ 12.56 | 26,562 | I | See footnote (2) | | | |
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Common Stock

By the 1993 Hennessy Revocable Trust

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) | 4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or | | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4 | ant of rlying rities | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo |
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| | | | | | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 1, 4114 5) | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HENNESSY JOHN L C/O ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 529 ALMANOR AVENUE SUNNYVALE,, CA 94085

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Signatures

Bruce P. Johnson, 03/30/2005 Attorney-in-fact

**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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These shares are held in trust for the benefit of the reporting person's son. The reporting person's sister-in-law is the trustee of the trust.

(2) 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.

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