

ENTROPIC COMMUNICATIONS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 FARESE MICHAEL J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ENTROPIC COMMUNICATIONS INC [ENTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6290 SEQUENCE DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/13/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr VP Engineering & Ops

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/13/2012		M	2,400 A \$ 0	2,400	D	
Common Stock	04/13/2012		F(1)	981 D \$ 5.1	1,419	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.1	04/13/2012		A	69,000	<u>(2)</u>	04/13/2022	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(3)</u>	04/13/2012		A	18,400	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(5)</u>	04/13/2012		M	2,400	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARESE MICHAEL J. 6290 SEQUENCE DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			Sr VP Engineering & Ops	

## Signatures

By: Lance W. Bridges, as attorney-in-fact For: Michael R. Farese 04/16/2012

\_\_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) Shares have been surrendered to the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation due on vesting of restricted stock units.  
1/4th of the shares vest one year after the Vesting Commencement Date beginning 4/13/12. 1/48th of the shares vest monthly thereafter
- (2) over the next three years. Additionally, grant is subject to accelerated vesting on the terms and conditions set forth in such individual's Change of Control Agreement.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock.  
The shares vest over a four year period, with 25% vesting on the first quarterly vesting date following the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th
- (4) anniversary of the grant date. Additionally, grant is subject to accelerated vesting on the terms and conditions set forth in such individual's Change of Control Agreement.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock.
- (6)

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The shares vest in four equal annual installments, beginning one year after the Vesting Commencement Date of April 13, 2011. Additionally, grant is subject to accelerated vesting on the terms and conditions set forth in such individual's Change of Control Agreement.

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