NETGEAR, INC Form 4 September 05, 2006

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MERRILL MARK G	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NETGEAR, INC [NTGR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)  NETGEAR, INC., 4500 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2006	(Check all applicable)  Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Technology Officer			
(Street) SANTA CLARA, CA 95054	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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) 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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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 (6)	09/01/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 4.51	10,000	D	
Common Stock (6)	09/01/2006		S	10,000	D	\$ 19.29	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)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	tiorDeri Secu ) Acqu or D (D)	urities uired (A) Disposed of tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	V (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) (6)	\$ 4.51	09/01/2006		M		10,000	<u>(1)</u>	04/05/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6						<u>(2)</u>	10/30/2012	Common Stock	22,001
Restricted Stock Units	(3)						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	8,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MERRILL MARK G NETGEAR, INC. 4500 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

Chief Technology Officer

## **Signatures**

/s/ Mark Merrill 09/01/2006

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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) This stock option was granted under the NETGEAR, Inc. 2000 Option Plan on December 9, 2000, and is fully-vested and exercisable at this time.

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This stock option was granted under the NETGEAR, Inc. 2000 Option Plan on October 30, 2002, and is fully-vested and exercisable at this time.

- (3) Converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) Stock units will be paid in an equal number of shares of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting of the units. 25% of the units will cliff vest on each anniversary of 5/23/06, the vest start date, so that all of the units will have vested on 5/23/10.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) This transaction is made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Plan that was adopted in November 2005.

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