

MERRILL MARK G  
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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 \*  
MERRILL MARK G

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
NETGEAR, INC., 350 E. PLUMERIA DR.  
(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NETGEAR, INC [NTGR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/23/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Technology Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                    | 05/23/2009                           |  | M                              | 2,000 <sup>(9)</sup>  | \$ 0  | A  | 8,424 D                           |
| Common Stock                    | 05/23/2009                           |  | F                              | 765   | \$ 13.39  | D  | 7,659 D                           |
| Common Stock                    | 01/11/2010                           |  | M                              | 750 <sup>(9)</sup>  | \$ 0  | A  | 8,409 D                           |
| Common Stock                    | 01/11/2010                           |  | F                              | 330   | \$ 23.08  | D  | 8,079 D                           |
| Common Stock                    | 01/12/2010                           |  | M                              | 1,750 <sup>(9)</sup>  | \$ 0  | A  | 9,829 D                           |

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Common Stock      01/12/2010      F      770      D      \$ 22.53      9,059      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 (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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (3)  | 01/12/2010                           |  | M                              | 1,750  | (6) (5)  | Common Stock  | 1,750                         |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (3)  | 01/11/2010                           |  | M                              | 750  | (7) (5)  | Common Stock  | 750                           |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 4.51  |                                      |  |                                |  | (1) 04/05/2010   | Common Stock  | 6,473                         |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 6   |                                      |  |                                |  | (2) 10/30/2012   | Common Stock  | 2,001                         |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (3)  | 05/23/2009                           |  | M                              | 2,000  | (4) (5)  | Common Stock  | 2,000                         |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (3)  |                                      |  |                                |  | (8) (5)  | Common Stock  | 3,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| MERRILL MARK G<br>NETGEAR, INC.<br>350 E. PLUMERIA DR.<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95134 |               |           | Chief Technology Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Andrew W. Kim, Attorney  
in Fact

01/13/2010

\_\_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) 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.
- (2) 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 5/23/2010.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) 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 1/12/2007, the vest start date, so that all of the units will have vested on 1/12/2011.
- (7) 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 1/11/2008, the vest start date, so that all of the units will have vested on 1/11/2012.
- (8) 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 1/16/2009, the vesting start date, so that all of the units will have vested on 1/16/2013.
- (9) Acquired pursuant to the vesting of restricted stock units which convert to common stock on a one for one basis.

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