#### MERRILL MARK G

Form 4

January 16, 2007

### 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).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* MERRILL MARK G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Technology Officer

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

NETGEAR, INC [NTGR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/12/2007

Director X\_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

NETGEAR, INC., 4500 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

Code V Amount (D) Price

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Dav/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8		Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	d of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.51							<u>(1)</u>	04/05/2010	Common Stock	165,706
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6							<u>(2)</u>	10/30/2012	Common Stock	2,001
Restricted Stock Uni	(3)							<u>(4)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	8,000
Restricted Stock Uni	(3)	01/12/2007		A		7,000		<u>(6)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	7,000

# **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 01/12/2007

\*\*Signature of 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.

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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) 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 1/12/07, the vest start date, so that all of the units will have vested on 1/12/11.

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