

MERRILL MARK G
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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)
 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

| 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 ⁽⁹⁾ | \$ 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 ⁽⁹⁾ | \$ 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 ⁽⁹⁾ | \$ 0 | A | 9,829 D |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MERRILL MARK G NETGEAR, INC. 350 E. PLUMERIA DR. 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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