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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Ad FALCON M | * | rting Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NETGEAR INC [NTGR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | | |
| NETGEAR, | INC., 4500 | GREAT | 03/06/2006 | _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify | | | |
| AMERICA I | PARKWAY | | | below) below) | | | |
| THURST THE WITT | | | | Vice President, Operations | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Chec | | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) | | | |
| | | | , , | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| SANTA CLARA, CA 95054 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |
| | | | | Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Toble I Non Derivative Securities Ac | auired Disposed of ar Ranaficially Owner | | | |

| (City) | (State) | Table | e I - Non-Do | erivative (| Securi | ities Acqı | uired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit n(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | sposed | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock (1) | 03/06/2006 | | M | 2,188 | A | \$ 6 | 2,188 | D | |
| Common Stock (1) | 03/06/2006 | | D | 1,444 | D | \$ 18.31 | 744 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 4,953 | 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | Second Acquire (A) Disp (D) | urities juired or posed 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 | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1) | \$ 6 | 03/06/2006 | | M | | 2,188 | (2) | 11/04/2012 | Common Stock | 2,188 | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.53 | | | | | | (3) | 02/09/2014 | Common Stock | 16,042 | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.35 | | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | 03/11/2015 | Common Stock | 20,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |

FALCON MICHAEL F NETGEAR, INC. 4500 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

Vice President, Operations

Signatures

/s/ Michael F.

Falcon 03/06/2006

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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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 transaction is made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Plan that was adopted in August 2005.
- This stock option was granted under the NETGEAR, Inc. 2000 Option Plan on November 4, 2002. Such option becomes exercisable at a rate of 1/4th of the option on November 4, 2003 and 1/48th of the shares on each one-month anniversary thereafter.
- (3) This stock option was granted under the NETGEAR, Inc. 2003 Option Plan on February 9, 2004. Such option becomes exercisable at a rate of 1/4th of the option on February 9, 2005 and 1/48th of the shares on each one-month anniversary thereafter.
- 100% of this option grant is exercisable on 3/11/05, the grant date. Shares underlying the option are restricted from transfer, with the (4) restriction lapsing with respect to 25% of the shares on each subsequent anniversary of the grant date, so that all underlying shares will be free from transfer restrictions on 3/11/09.

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