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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MERRILL MARK G | 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 | (====== an applicable) | | | |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | | |
| NETGEAR, INC., 4500 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY | 11/09/2006 | _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Technology Officer | | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| | 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) (| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | y Owned |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3. Transactio | 4. Securi | | | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | • | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Beneficially Owned | (D) or Indirect (I) | Beneficial Ownership |
| | | (Month/Day/Teal) | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | | M | 3,474 | A | \$ 4.51 | 3,474 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/09/2006 | | S | 3,474 | D | \$ 27.22 | 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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D) | or osed of r. 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) | \$ 4.51 | 11/09/2006 | | M | | 3,474 | <u>(1)</u> | 04/05/2010 | Common Stock | 3,474 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6 | | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | 10/30/2012 | Common Stock | 22,001 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(3)</u> | | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | (5) | Common Stock | 8,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Princeton 10% Owner Officers

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 11/09/2006

**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.

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- (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 5/23/10.
- (5) Not applicable.

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