MERRILL MARK G
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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., 4500 GREAT AMERICA PARKWAY

(Street)

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/01/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Technology Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock (3)	02/01/2006		M		10,000	A	$ 4.51	10,000	D	
Common Stock (3)	02/01/2006		D		10,000	D	$ 18	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	$ 4.51	02/01/2006		M			10,000	(1)	04/05/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 6							(2)	10/30/2012	Common Stock	22,001

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	02/01/2006
**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) The Reporting Person exercised 10,000 shares of the original 531,606 share stock option granted under the NETGEAR, Inc. 2000 Stock Option Plan on April 5, 2000. Such option becomes exercisable at a rate of 1/4th of the shares on December 9, 2000 and 1/48th of the shares on each one-month anniversary thereafter.

(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) This transaction is made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Plan that was adopted in November 2005.

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