MERRILL MARK G

Form 4

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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MERRILL MARK G | | | 2. Issuer Symbol | r Name and | Ticker or Trading | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--|--|---------------|--|
| | | | NETGE | EAR, INC | [NTGR] | (| Check all applica | ole) | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of | f Earliest Tr | ransaction | | | | |
| NETGEAR, INC., 350 E. PLUMERIA DR. | | | (Month/E 12/15/2 | • | | below) | or1 r (give title Control below) nief Technology O | ther (specify | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| SAN JOSE, | CA 95134 | | Filed(Mor | nth/Day/Year |) | | ne) ed by One Reporting d by More than One | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | e I - Non-D | Derivative Securities Acq | uired, Dispos | sed of, or Benefic | ially Owned | |
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Da | te 2A. Deer | ned | 3. | 4. Securities Acquired | 5. Amount | of 6. | 7. Nature o | |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year |) Executio | n Date, if | Transactio | on(A) or Disposed of (D) | Securities | Ownership | Indirect | |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Beneficially | Form: Dire | ct Beneficial | |
| | | (Month/I | Dav/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | Owned | (D) or | Ownership | |

| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|------------------|-------------|--|---|---|
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2017 | | M(1) | 1,125 | A | \$ 32.52 | 30,659 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2017 | | M(1) | 1,875 | A | \$ 31.28 | 32,534 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2017 | | S(1) | 3,000 | D | \$ 54.05 | 29,534 | 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) | | | 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) | \$ 32.52 | 12/15/2017 | | M <u>(1)</u> | | 1,125 | (2) | 06/03/2024 | Common Stock | 1,125 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 31.28 | 12/15/2017 | | M <u>(1)</u> | | 1,875 | (3) | 06/02/2025 | Common Stock | 1,875 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 39.53 | | | | | | (3) | 03/24/2026 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 42.7 | | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | 06/01/2027 | Common Stock | 25,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | | Relationships | nips | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--|--|
| • | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| MERRILL MARK G | | | | | | |
| NETGEAR, INC. | | | Chief Technology Officer | | | |
| 350 E. PLUMERIA DR. | | | Chief Technology Officer | | | |
| SAN JOSE, CA 95134 | | | | | | |

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Signatures

/s/ Andrew W. Kim, Attorney in Fact

12/18/2017

**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 exercise and sale reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 30, 2016.
- (2) 25% of the options will be exercisable on 6/03/2015, and 1/48 of the option grant is exercisable each month thereafter.
- This Option shall be exercisable, in whole or in part, in accordance with the following schedule: 25% of the Shares subject to the Option (3) shall vest twelve months after the Vesting Start Date, and 1/48 of the Shares subject to the Option shall vest each month thereafter,
- (3) shall vest twelve months after the Vesting Start Date, and 1/48 of the Shares subject to the Option shall vest each month thereafter, subject to the Optionee continuing to be a Service Provider on such dates.
- This Option shall be exercisable, in whole or in part, in accordance with the following schedule: 25% of the Shares subject to the Option (4) shall vest twelve months after the Vesting Start Date, June 1, 2017, and 1/48 of the Shares subject to the Option shall vest each month thereafter, subject to the Optionee continuing to be a Service Provider on such dates.

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