

Energy Recovery, Inc.  
Form 4  
February 16, 2017

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Gay Joel

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ENERGY RECOVERY,  
INC., 1717 DOOLITTLE DRIVE

(Street)

SAN LEANDRO, CA 94577

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
Energy Recovery, Inc. [ERII]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/10/2017

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 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/10/2017		A	25,252	A \$ 9.9	72,721	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)**

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.9	02/10/2017		A	122,810	(2) 02/10/2027	Common Stock	122,810

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gay Joel C/O ENERGY RECOVERY, INC. 1717 DOOLITTLE DRIVE SAN LEANDRO, CA 94577			President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Lemyrtle Finley, Attorney in fact for  
Joel Gay

02/16/2017

\_\_\_\_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) Restricted Stock Units which represent a contingent right to receive shares of common stock. 25% of these restricted stock units fully vest on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th anniversary of the vesting start date of 02/10/2017.
- (2) 25% of these options fully vest on the 1st anniversary of the vesting start date of 02/10/2017; thereafter, the remaining 75% vest 1/36th per month.

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