

Energy Recovery, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Otero Juan

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O ENERGY RECOVERY, 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)  
12/15/2015

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)  
Gen Counsel,CCO,Corp Secretary

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	03/08/2016		A		14,241	A	\$ 0
					20,956	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.52	03/08/2016		A	23,623	(2) 03/08/2026	Common Stock	23,623

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Otero Juan C/O ENERGY RECOVERY 1717 DOOLITTLE DRIVE SAN LEANDRO, CA 94577			Gen Counsel, CCO, Corp Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/ Lemyrtle Thompson, Attorney-in-Fact for Juan Otero 03/10/2016

\_\_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 anniversary of the vesting start date of 03/8/2016; thereafter, the remaining 75% vest 1/36th per month.
- (2) 25% of these options fully vest on the 1st anniversary of the vesting start date of 03/8/2016; thereafter, the remaining 75% vest 1/36th per month.

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