

SPARK NETWORKS 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 *
 McConnell Michael J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 11150 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, SUITE 600

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90025

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SPARK NETWORKS INC [LOV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/21/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1	03/21/2017	A	24,000					(1)	03/21/2024	Common Stock	24,000
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	03/21/2017	A	71,932					(3)	(4)	Common Stock	71,932

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McConnell Michael J C/O 11150 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SUITE 600 LOS ANGELES, CA 90025	X			

Signatures

/s/ Robert W. O'Hare,
Attorney-in-fact
03/23/2017

__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) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the options vest in four equal installments at end of each fiscal quarter during 2017.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Spark Network, Inc.'s (the "Company") common stock. These shares represent a grant of restricted stock units under the Company's 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan on March 21, 2017. This grant was made in lieu of cash fees for non-employee director service on the Company's board of directors for 2017. Twenty-five percent
- (3) (25%) of the restricted stock units subject to the award vest at the end of each fiscal quarter during 2017, subject to the reporting person's continuous service as a director.
- (4) Not applicable.

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