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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MOORE NICHOLAS G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

NETWORK APPLIANCE INC

[NTAP]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

12/07/2004

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

LOS ALTOS HILLS, CA 94024

(State)

24520 BELLA LADERA

(City)

| (213) | (State) | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit poor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4) | ed of (| ` ′ | 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 | 12/07/2004 | | M | 35,000 | A | \$ 16.78 | 35,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2004 | | S | 35,000 | D | \$ 33.663 | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Sh |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.78 | 12/07/2004 | | M | 35,000 | <u>(1)</u> | 04/08/2012 | Common Stock | 35,0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| MOORE NICHOLAS G | | | | | | | |
| 24520 BELLA LADERA | X | | | | | | |
| LOS ALTOS HILLS, CA 94024 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Nicholas G.
Moore

12/08/2004

**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).

The option shares are immediately exercisable as of the grant date and shall initially be unvested and subject to repurchase by the corporation at the exercise price per share. Optionee shall acquire a vested interest in the option shares, and the corporation's repurchase right shall accordingly lapse, with respect to 25,000 shares upon the optionee's completion of one year of service as a member of the corporation's Board of Directors measured from the grant date; and the balance of the shares in a series of three successive equal annual installments upon optionee's completion of each year of Board service over the three-year period measure from the first anniversay of the grant date.

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