

NETWORK APPLIANCE INC

Form 4

September 20, 2006

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 *
WARMENHOVEN DANIEL J

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NETWORK APPLIANCE INC
[NTAP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

495 EAST JAVA DRIVE

(Street)

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/19/2006

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

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

Chief Executive Officer

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/19/2006		M ⁽¹⁾	100,000 A	\$ 4.508 3,804,430	I	by Trust (2)
Common Stock	09/19/2006		S ⁽¹⁾	100,000 D	\$ 35.9852 3,704,430 (3)	I	by Trust (2)
Common Stock	09/19/2006		S	50,000 D	\$ 35.97 (4) 3,654,430	I	by Trust (2)
Common Stock					44,839	D	
Common Stock					970,000	I	by Lmt'd Ptnrshp2

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Common Stock	170	I	(5) by Spouse (6)
Common Stock	83,500	I	by Trust2 (7)
Common Stock	900,035	I	by Trust4 (8)

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. 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nu Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.508	09/19/2006		M ⁽¹⁾		100,000		⁽⁹⁾	04/30/2008	Common Stock	10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WARMENHOVEN DANIEL J 495 EAST JAVA DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089	Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Daniel J. Warmenhoven 09/20/2006

**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 option exercise and sale were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 26, 2006.
- (2) Shares held in trust by Daniel J. Warmenhoven & Charmaine A. Warmenhoven, trustees to The Warmenhoven 1987 Revocable Trust UTA dated 12/16/87, as amended.
- (3) The sale prices for the reported transaction were in a range of \$35.70 to \$36.20 per share.
- (4) The sale prices for the reported transaction were in a range of \$35.94 to \$36.00 per share.

- Shares held by Warmenhoven Ventures LP, a limited partnership of which the Warmenhoven Management Trust is the general partner, of
- (5) which the reporting person and his wife are the trustees. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
 - (6) Shares held by Charmaine A. Warmenhoven, Mr. Warmenhoven's spouse, as separate property. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
 - (7) Shares held in trust by Richard A. Andre, trustee to The Daniel J. Warmenhoven 1991 Children's Trust. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
 - (8) Shares held in trust by Richard A. Andre, trustee to The Laura Warmenhoven Trust, under trust agreement dated June 13, 2005. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
 - (9) Option vests in equal monthly installments over the 36 months of services beginning with the second yearly anniversary of the grant date.

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