

NETWORK APPLIANCE INC
 Form 4
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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 *
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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/29/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | 03/29/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | A \$ 4.508 | 3,780,530 | I | by Trust ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | D \$ 35.7008 ⁽³⁾ | 3,730,530 | I | by Trust ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 43,762 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 970,000 | I | by Lmt'd Ptnrshp2 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| | | | | | 170 | I | |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) The option exercise(s) and sale(s) reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 5, 2005.
- (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 \$35.85 per share.
Shares held by Warmenhoven Ventures LP, a limited partnership of which the Warmenhoven Management Trust is the general partner, of
- (4) 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.
- (5) Shares held by Charmaine A. Warmenhoven, Mr. Warmenhoven's spouse, as separate property. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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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