

GEORGENS THOMAS
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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 *
GEORGENS THOMAS

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)
11/15/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP & General Mgr

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/15/2005		A	20,000 A \$ 0	20,000	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.81	11/15/2005		A	14,380	(1) 11/14/2015	Common Stock	14,380
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.81	11/15/2005		A	385,620	(1) 11/14/2015	Common Stock	385,620

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GEORGENS THOMAS 495 EAST JAVA DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089			Executive VP & General Mgr	

Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Thomas Georgens 11/17/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Option vests with respect to 25% of the option shares on the first anniversary of the Optionee's date of hire and the balance in a series of equal monthly installments over the next 36 months of service thereafter.

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