NETWORK APPLIANCE INC

Form 4

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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)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of F WARMENHOVEN		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)	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)		
495 E. JAVA DRIVE		12/07/2004	Chief Executive Officer		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
SUNNYVALE, CA	94089		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - N	lon-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4	osed o	of (D)	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		6,668	A	\$ 3.75	116,668	I	by Limited Partnership (2)
Common Stock	12/07/2004		M		140,000	A	\$ 1.82	256,668	I	by Limited Partnership (2)
Common Stock	12/08/2004		G	V	21,250	D	\$0	4,041,051	I	by Trust (1)
Common Stock								42,490	D	

970,000

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Common Stock			By Limited Partnership2
Common Stock	170	I	by Spouse
Common Stock	1,806,500	I	by Trust1
Common Stock	85,800	I	by Trust2
Common Stock	9,567	I	by Trust3

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ttion Date, if TransactionDerivative Expiration Date Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) th/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and		ate	7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nui Sha	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.82	12/07/2004		M	140,000	<u>(3)</u>	04/30/2007	Common Stock	14	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.75	12/07/2004		M	6,668	<u>(4)</u>	01/03/2009	Common Stock	6	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
roporous o water tunio / raunioso	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WARMENHOVEN DANIEL J							
495 E. JAVA DRIVE			Chief Executive Officer				
SUNNYVALE, CA 94089							

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Signatures

Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney for Daniel J. Warmenhoven

12/09/2004

**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).
- (1) 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.
- Shares held by Warmenhoven Enterprises LP, a limited partnership of which the Warmenhoven Management Trust is the general partner, (2) of 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.
- Option vests with respect to 25% of the option shares on the first anniversary of the grant date and the balance in a series of equal monthly installments over the next 36 months of service thereafter.
- Option vests in a series of equal monthly installments over 12 months of service beginning with the one-month anniversary of the grant date.

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