

WARMENHOVEN DANIEL J
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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)
03/17/2006

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 03/17/2006 | | <u>M</u> ⁽¹⁾ | V Amount \$ 50,000 (D) 4.508 | 3,804,830 | I | by Trust <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | 03/17/2006 | | <u>S</u> ⁽¹⁾ | V Amount \$ 50,000 (D) 35.2 | 3,754,830 | I | by Trust <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | 43,762 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 970,000 | I | by Lmt'd Ptnrshp2 <u>(3)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | 170 | I | by Spouse <u>(4)</u> |

| | | | |
|--------------|---------|---|------------------|
| Common Stock | 85,800 | I | by Trust2 (5) |
| Common Stock | 903,250 | I | by Trust4 (6) |

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 4.508 | 03/17/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 50,000 | ⁽⁷⁾ 04/30/2008 | Common Stock | 50,000 |

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
03/20/2006

**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(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.

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- (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.
Shares held by Warmenhoven Ventures LP, a limited partnership of which the Warmenhoven Management Trust is the general partner, of
- (3) 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.
- (4) Shares held by Charmaine A. Warmenhoven, Mr. Warmenhoven's spouse, as separate property. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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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