

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 *
Salmon Robert E

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)
04/24/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP, Field Operations

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/24/2007 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 A \$ 9.99 | 38,560 | I | by Trust1 (2) |
| Common Stock | 04/24/2007 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 D \$ 35.6536 (3) | 33,560 | I | by Trust1 (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 50,570 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 240 | I | by Trust2 (4) |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.99 | 04/24/2007 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 5,000 | ⁽⁵⁾ 10/31/2012 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Salmon Robert E 495 EAST JAVA DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089 | | | Executive VP, Field Operations | |

Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Robert E. Salmon

04/26/2007

__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/or sale of issuer shares reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 22, 2006.
- (2) Shares held in trust by Robert Salmon and Patricia Mertens-Salmon, trustees to the Salmon Trust UDT 10/6/2000
- (3) The sale prices for the reported transaction were in a range of \$35.49 to \$35.81 per share.
- (4) Shares held in trust by Patricia Mertens-Salmon, Custodian for Michael T. Salmon UTMA CA.
- (5) Option vests in a series of equal monthly installments over 48 months of service beginning with the one-month anniversary of the grant date.

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