FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  EARHART ALAN L   |  |            |                               | Net                                     | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NetApp, Inc. [NTAP] |   |                      |              |   |  |   |                 | Relationship of Reportin (Check all applicable)     X Director |        |  | ıg Pe   | g Person(s) to Issuer |  |                         |
|--|--|------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---|----------------------|--------------|---|--|---|-----------------|--|--------|--|---|-----------------------|--|-------------------------|
| (Last)   | •  | ŕ          | (Middle)                      |   |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/31/2012 |                      |              |   |  |   |                 |  |        | Officer<br>below)                                      | r (give title<br>)  |                       | Other (specify below)  |                         |
| 495 EAST JAVA DRIVE  |  |            |                               | 4. If A                                 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)        |   |                      |              |   |  |   |                 | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)       |        |  |   |                       |  |                         |
| (Street) SUNNYVALE CA 94089  |  |            |                               |   |   |   |                      |              |   |  |   |                 | X  | Form f | iled by One<br>iled by Mor<br>n                        |   | -                     |  |                         |
| (City)   | (S   | tate)      | (Zip)                         |   |   |   |                      |              |   |  |   |                 |  |        |  |   |                       |  |                         |
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|  |  |            |                               |   |   |   | Code                 | v            | Amount                                  | mount (A) or (D)   |   | ice             | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)    |        | (Instr. 4)   |   | (Instr. 4)            |  |                         |
| Common Stock 08  |  |            | 08/31/                        | 2012                                    | 2012  |   |                      | M            |   | 2,833  | 3 A   |                 | \$ <mark>0</mark>  | 6,     | 166  | D   |                       |  |                         |
|  |  |            | Tabl                          |   |   |   |                      |              | uired, Dis<br>, options,                |  |   |                 |  | Ow     | med  |   |                       |  |                         |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | Conversion Date or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) |            | Execution if any              | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any |   | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                     |                      | 5. Number of |   | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   |                 |  |        | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Securities<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly                    | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. | Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|  |  |            |                               |   | Code  | v   | (A)                  | (D)          | Date<br>Exercisable                     | E:   | xpiration<br>ate                                      | Title           | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Share                              | oer    |  |   |                       |  |                         |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)  | <b>\$</b> 34.52                              | 08/31/2012 |                               |   | A   |   | 8,500                |              | (1)                                     | 08   | 8/30/2019   | Common<br>Stock | 8,50   | 00     | \$0  | 8,500   |                       | D  |                         |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)  | <b>\$</b> 34.52                              | 08/31/2012 |                               |   | A   |   | 3,000                |              | (1)                                     | 08   | 8/30/2019   | Common<br>Stock | 3,00   | 00     | \$0  | 11,500  |                       | D  |                         |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit   | \$0  | 08/31/2012 |                               |   | A   |   | 2,833                |              | (2)                                     |  | (2)   | Common<br>Stock | 2,83   | 33     | \$0  | 5,666   |                       | D  |                         |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit   | \$0  | 08/31/2012 |                               |   | М   |   |                      | 2,833        | (2)                                     | Γ  | (2)   | Common          | 2,83   | 33     | \$ <del>0</del>  | 2,833   |                       | D  |                         |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The option is immediately exercisable, but any shares purchased under the option will be subject to repurchase by the Company at the option exercise price paid per share, upon the reporting person's cessation of Board service prior to vesting in those shares. The shares will vest upon the reporting person's continuation in Board service through the day immediately preceding the next Annual Stockholders Meeting following the grant date.
- 2. The shares will vest and be delivered upon the reporting person's continuation in Board service through the day immediately preceding the next Annual Stockholders Meeting following the grant date.

By: Haleh Carrillo, Attorney-In-Fact For: Alan Earhart

09/05/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Matthew Fawcett, Michael Nolan and Haleh Carrillo, or either of them signing singly, and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any rule or regulation of the SEC;
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or 10% stockholder of NetApp, Inc. (the "Company"), any and all Form 3, 4 and 5 reports required to be filed by the undersigned in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 and 5 report, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto and timely file such report with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned, pursuant to this Power of Attorney, shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that no such attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is hereby assuming, nor is the Company hereby assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Form 3, 4 and 5 reports with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this  $28 \, \text{th}$  day of August, 2012.

Signature: /s/ Alan Earhart

Print Name: Alan Earhart