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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>WARMENHOVEN DANIEL J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 495 EAST JAVA DRIVE (Street) SUNNYVALE CA 94089 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NETWORK APPLIANCE INC [NTAP]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/18/2006 | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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 | 09/18/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 50,000 | A | \$4.508 | 3,754,430 | I | by Trust |
| Common Stock | 09/18/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 38,300 | D | \$35.2 | 3,716,130 | I | by Trust ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/18/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 11,600 | D | \$35.21 | 3,704,530 | I | by Trust ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/18/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$35.22 | 3,704,430 | I | by Trust ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 44,839 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 970,000 | I | by Lmted Ptrnshp ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 170 | I | by Spouse ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 83,500 | I | by Trust ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 900,035 | I | by Trust ⁽⁶⁾ |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$4.508 | 09/18/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 50,000 | (7) | 04/30/2008 | Common Stock | 50,000 | \$0 | 505,648 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 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 August 26, 2006.
- 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 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.

By: Janice Mahoney by Power
of Attorney For: Daniel J. Warmenhoven 09/19/2006

** 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).

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