

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): NOVEMBER 11, 1997

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-27130

NETWORK APPLIANCE, INC.  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER)

CALIFORNIA  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

77-0307520  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

2770 SAN TOMAS EXPRESSWAY, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA 95051  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Company's telephone number, including area code: (408) 367-3000

ITEM 5. Other Events

On November 11, 1997, the Board of Directors approved a two-for-one stock split of the Company's common stock to be distributed on or about December 18, 1997 to holders of record on December 8, 1997. After the split, the Company will have approximately 33,200,000 shares of its common stock outstanding based on shares outstanding at October 24, 1997.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NETWORK APPLIANCE, INC.

Date: November 26, 1997

By: /s/ JEFFRY R. ALLEN

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Jeffry R. Allen,  
Vice President Finance and Operations,  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

