

NetApp, Inc. (NTAP)

Shareholder Alert

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NetApp Shareholder since 2012



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Why would any group of shareholders find it attractive to seek the formal backing of 25% of all shares outstanding to simply obtain a date on a calendar from management per management Proposal 6? What is so attractive about a date on a calendar that would trigger a group of shareholders to organize 25% of all shares outstanding? A single shareholder can perform such a ministerial function.

At a large number of companies organizing 25%, or even 10% or 15% of shares, can guarantee that management will be forced to call a special shareholder meeting – much more attractive option.

However NetApp has a severely restricted form of a shareholder right to call a special shareholder meeting. NetApp excludes all shares owned for less than one year from any formal participation in calling for a special shareholder meeting.

Shareholders who made their decision to buy NetApp stock less than a year ago can be the most informed shareholders. NetApp excludes such shareholders from having any formal input in calling for a special shareholder meeting. Such recent shareholders can be the most attuned shareholders to emerging opportunities or emerging problems for NetApp.

Under the restricted NetApp special meeting rules such informed shareholders have less incentive to bring emerging opportunities or emerging problems to the attention of management and shareholders.

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