FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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 [*] GOMO STEVEN J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NETWORK APPLIANCE INC</u> [NTAP]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) 495 EAS	(F ST JAVA D	irst) (RIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2005								X below	Executiv		·			
(Street) SUNNY (City)	SUNNYVALE CA 94089				~	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									 Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 24. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature																			
Date						Deemed ecution I iny onth/Day	Date,	Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. and 5)		urities Acquired (A) sed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			ties Fo cially (D Inc		m: Direct or rect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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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)	ve Conversion Date Execution or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any					ransaction ode (Instr.)		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$29.24	06/01/2005			А		70,000		(1)	05	5/31/2015	Common Stock	70,000	\$0	70,000		D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Option vests in a series of equal monthly installments over 48 months of service beginning with the one-month anniversary of the grant date.

 By: Janice Mahoney by Power

 of Attorney For: Steven J.
 06/03/2005

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 ** 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).

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