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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* <u>WARMENHOVEN DANIEL J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>495 EAST JAVA DRIVE</u>  (Street) <u>SUNNYVALE CA 94089</u>  (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) <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CEO</b></p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/14/2004</u>	
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	09/14/2004		M		150,000	A	\$4.508	4,237,301	I	by Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock								41,892	D	
Common Stock								110,000	I	by Lmted Ptrnshp <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								970,000	I	by Lmted Ptrnshp <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								170	I	by Spouse <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock								1,806,500	I	by Trust1 <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock								85,800	I	by Trust2 <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock								9,567	I	by Trust3 <sup>(7)</sup>

**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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.508	09/14/2004		M		150,000	(S)	04/30/2008	Common Stock	150,000	\$0	1,805,648	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 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 Enterprises 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.
- 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 Warmenhoven 1995 Children's Trust, under trust agreement dated 5/1/95. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
6. 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.
7. Shares held in trust by Curtis Burr and Richard A. Andre, trustees of The Warmenhoven Family Irrevocable Trust, under trust agreement dated 4/10/00. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
8. Option vests with respect to 25% of the option shares on the first anniversary of the grant date and the balance in a series of equal monthly installments over the next 36 months of service thereafter.

By: Janice Mahoney by Power  
of Attorney For Daniel J. Warmenhoven      09/16/2004

\*\* 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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