## 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 <sup>*</sup> KOZEL EDWARD						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) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last)		st) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/19/2007										er (give title			
SKYRIDER, INC. 201A RAVENDALE DRIVE						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(Street) MOUNT VIEW	<sup>°AIN</sup> C	A 9	94043												filed by More		•	
(City)	(S	tate) (	Zip)															
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) Date (Month/Day						Execution Date,			Code (Ins	Transaction Dispos Code (Instr. and 5)		urities Acquired (A) and Of (D) (Instr. 3,		Securi Benefi Owned	cially	6. Owner Form: D (D) or Indirect	irect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
								Code	v	Amoun	it (A) or (D) Pr		1		(Instr. 4)		(Instr. 4)	
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. Transact Code (In 8)			6. Date Exercisable an 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 derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owr For Oire or I (I) (I 4)	ership n: ct (D) ndirect nstr.	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Exp	piration te	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$27.02	09/19/2007			A		20,000		(1)	09/	/18/2014	Common Stock	20,000	\$0	20,000		D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Option is immediately exercisable, but any shares purchased under the option will be subject to repurchase by the Company at the option exercise price paid per share, upon the Optionee's cessation of Board service prior to vesting in those shares. The shares will vest upon the Optionee's continuation in Board service through the day immediately preceding the next Annual Stockholders Meeting following the grant date.

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Edward Kozel 09/21/2007

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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