FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HITZ DAVID						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NETWORK APPLIANCE INC [ NTAP ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
`	, , ,				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/20/2006									X	Offic belo	er (give title w)	Other below	(specify		
treet) UNNYVALE CA 94089					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Line) X For		I or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicat rm filed by One Reporting Person rm filed by More than One Reporting		son		
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Common Stock			04/20/200	06					M <sup>(1)</sup>		9,000	A	\$4.	508	4,338,064		I	by Trust2 <sup>(2)</sup>		
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\$11.25	04/20/2006			M <sup>(</sup>	1)			5,000	(5)		05/24/2009	Common Stock	5,00	0 :	\$0	354,448	D			
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## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The option exercises and sales were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 17, 2006
- 2. Shares held in trust by David Hitz, Trustee to the Sundance Trust UTA 1/17/02. The reporting person continues to report beneficial ownership of all the issuers common stock held by the trust but disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. The sale prices for the reported transaction were in a range of \$37.725 to \$38.45 per share.

- 4. Shares held in trust by The XYZZY 2000 Charitable Remainder Trust, David Hitz, Trustee. The reporting person continues to report beneficial ownership of all the issuers common stock held by the trust but disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 5. 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: David Hitz

\*\* 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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