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

| Name and Address of Reporting Person* HITZ DAVID | | | | NE | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NETWORK APPLIANCE INC [NTAP] | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | |
|--|---|------|---|---------|--|--|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|--|--|---------|---|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) 495 EAS | (F T JAVA D | , | Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/09/2005 | | | | | | | | X | belo | , | Other below fice Presiden | ′ |
| (Street) SUNNYVALE CA 94089 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Indiv Line) X | ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - Non-Deriv | ative | Sec | urities | Ac | quire | d, D | isposed o | f, or E | Benefic | ially | Own | ed | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | ear) if | any | ned n Date, Day/Yea | Ti C | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | | ode | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Repo Trans | | (msu. 4) | (111501.4) |
| Common Stock 06/09/2 | | | | 5 | | | | S | | 25,000 | D | \$29.53 | 29.5326(1) | | 067,250 | I | by Trust2 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 28,933 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 200 | I | by Trust ⁽²⁾ | |
| 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 | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | action (Instr. | 5. Nu of Deriv Secui Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr | ative ities ired sed | Expir (Mon | ration nth/Day | ercisable and Date y/Year) Expiration e Date | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4) Amount or Numbor of Title Shares | | Secu (Inst | vative urity | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Sale prices for the reported transaction were in a range of \$29.28 to \$29.7233 per share.
- 2. 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.

Amount of Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned by Direct Ownership includes 1,101 shares acquired under Network Appliance, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan on May 31, 2005.

By: Janice Mahoney by Power 06/13/2005 of Attorney For: David Hitz

** 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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