NETWORK APPLIANCE INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** WARMENHOVEN DANIEL J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NETWORK APPLIANCE INC [NTAP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 495 EAST JA	(First) VA DRIVE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2004	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SUNNYVALE, CA 94089				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (D))	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)
Common Stock	12/06/2004		M	250,000	A		4,312,301	I	by Trust
Common Stock	12/06/2004		S	250,000	D	\$ 32.558	4,062,301	I	by Trust
Common Stock							42,490	D	
Common Stock							110,000	I	by Lmtd Ptnrshp
Common Stock							970,000	I	by Lmtd Ptnrshp2

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			(3)
Common Stock	170	I	by Spouse (4)
Common Stock	1,806,500	I	by Trust1 (5)
Common Stock	85,800	I	by Trust2
Common Stock	9,567	I	by Trust3

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ative ities red (A) or			7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
	Security			Code V	(Instr. 5)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nui Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.508	12/06/2004		M	:	250,000	(8)	04/30/2008	Common Stock	25

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WARMENHOVEN DANIEL I						

495 EAST JAVA DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Daniel J. 12/07/2004 Warmenhoven

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

2 Reporting Owners

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Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) 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, (2) 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 (3) 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 in equal monthly installments over the 36 months of services beginning with the second yearly anniversay of the grant date. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.