

WARMENHOVEN DANIEL J  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(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) (First) (Middle)  
**495 EAST JAVA DRIVE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/17/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**SUNNYVALE, CA 94089**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	03/17/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>		50,000	A	\$ 4.508	3,804,830	I	by Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	03/17/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>		50,000	D	\$ 35.2	3,754,830	I	by Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								43,762	D	
Common Stock								970,000	I	by Lmt'd Ptnrshp <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								170	I	by Spouse <sup>(4)</sup>



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- (2) 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 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 Daniel J. Warmenhoven 1991 Children's Trust. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (6) Shares held in trust by Richard A. Andre, trustee to The Laura Warmenhoven Trust, under trust agreement dated June 13, 2005. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (7) Option vests in equal monthly installments over the 36 months of services beginning with the second yearly anniversary of the grant date.

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