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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )\***

Applica Incorporated

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

03815A106

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2004

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

CUSIP No. 03815A106

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
 I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).  
 Weiss, Peck & Greer Investments, a division of Robeco USA, L.L.C. 13-2649199  
 Shares reported for Weiss Peck & Greer Investments, a division of Robeco USA, L.L.C. include shares held by Arbor Partners, L.P., WPG Opportunistic Value Overseas, L.P., WPG Opportunistic Value Fund, L.P. to which Weiss Peck & Greer Investments, a division of Robeco USA, L.L.C. is investment advisor as well as shares which Weiss Peck & Greer Investments, a division of Robeco USA, L.L.C. acquired on behalf of and as investment advisor to managed brokerage accounts owned by parties which are independent of the entities, as well as other funds which are deemed to be controlled by Weiss Peck & Greer Investments, a division of Robeco USA, L.L.C., because it is the General Partner of the Fund or Managing Member of the Limited Liability Corporation that is the General Partner of the Fund.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only . . . . .

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware, Weiss, Peck & Greer Investments is a division of Robeco USA, L.L.C., organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

Number of  
 Shares  
 Beneficially  
 Owned by  
 Each Reporting  
 Person With

5. Sole Voting Power 0

6. Shared Voting Power 1,262,200

7. Sole Dispositive Power 0

8. Shared Dispositive Power 1,262,200

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 1,262,200

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) [  
X ]

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 5.2 % Based on latest 10-Q filing  
by APN, listing common shares outstanding as 24,068,725 shares.

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12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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**Item 1.**

- (a) Name of Issuer  
Applica Incorporated
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices  
5980 Miami Lakes Drive Miami Lakes, FL 33014

**Item 2.**

- (a) Name of Person Filing  
Weiss, Peck & Greer Investments, a division of Robeco USA, L.L.C.  
(Shares reported for Weiss Peck & Greer Investments, a division of Robeco  
USA, L.L.C. include shares held by Arbor Partners, L.P., WPG Opportunistic  
Value Overseas, L.P., WPG Opportunistic Value Fund, L.P. to which Weiss  
Peck & Greer Investments, a division of Robeco USA, L.L.C. is investment  
advisor as well as shares which Weiss Peck & Greer Investments, a division of  
Robeco USA, L.L.C. acquired on behalf of and as investment advisor to  
managed brokerage accounts owned by parties which are independent of the  
entities, as well as other funds which are deemed to be controlled by Weiss  
Peck & Greer Investments, a division of Robeco USA, L.L.C., because it is  
the General Partner of the Fund or Managing Member of the Limited Liability  
Corporation that is the General Partner of the Fund.)
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence  
909 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022
- (c) Citizenship  
Delaware, Weiss, Peck & Greer Investments is a division of Robeco USA,  
L.L.C., organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- (d) Title of Class of Securities  
Common Stock
- (e) CUSIP Number  
03815A106

**Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

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| (a) | [X] | Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).  |
| (b) | [ ] | Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).  |
| (c) | [ ] | Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).  |
| (d) | [ ] | Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).   |
| (e) | [X] | An investment adviser in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);  |
| (f) | [ ] | An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);   |
| (g) | [ ] | A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);   |
| (h) | [ ] | A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);  |
| (i) | [ ] | A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3); |
| (j) | [ ] | Group, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).   |

**Item 4. Ownership.**

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

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| (a)   | Amount beneficially owned: 1,262,200   |
| (b)   | Percent of class: 5.2% Based on latest 10-Q filing by APN, listing common shares outstanding as 24,068,725 shares. |
| (c)   | Number of shares as to which the person has:   |
| (i)   | Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 0   |
| (ii)  | Shared power to vote or to direct the vote 1,262,200   |
| (iii) | Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 0  |
| (iv)  | Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 1,262,200  |

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following.[ ]

**Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.**

This statement on Schedule 13G (Schedule 13G) is filed by Robeco USA, L.L.C. (Robeco), a Delaware limited liability company which is registered as a broker-dealer under Section 15 of the Act, and as an investment adviser under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.

This Schedule 13G is being filed with respect to 1,262,200 shares of common stock of Applica Inc. (the Common Stock) held by Weiss Peck & Greer Investments, a division of Robeco USA, L.L.C. at December 31, 2004 for the discretionary accounts of certain clients. By reason of Rule 13d-3 under the Act, Weiss Peck & Greer Investments, a division of Robeco USA, L.L.C. may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of such Common Stock. To the knowledge of Robeco, no person has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such Common Stock which represents more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock referred to in Item 4(b) hereof.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.**

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group**

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group**

**Item 10. Certification**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 2005

Date

/s/ Mary Ann Iudice

Signature

Chief Compliance Officer, Weiss Peck & Greer  
Investments

Name/Title

SIGNATURE

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(See 18 U.S.C. 1001)**

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