

NETWORK APPLIANCE INC
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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 *
MENDOZA THOMAS F

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 E. JAVA DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/03/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 or Price		
Common Stock	12/03/2004		M		54,940 A \$ 2.368	1,806,665	D
Common Stock	12/03/2004		M		125,000 A \$ 4.508	1,931,665	D
Common Stock	12/03/2004		M		2,648 A \$ 14.167	1,934,313	D
Common Stock	12/03/2004		M		2,187 A \$ 17.146	1,936,500	D
Common Stock	12/03/2004		M		34,000 A \$ 15.32	1,970,500	D

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Common Stock	12/03/2004	S	218,775	D	\$ 32.521	1,751,725	D	
Common Stock						192,377	I	by Spouse

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 Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.368	12/03/2004		M	54,940	<u>(1)</u>	07/17/2007	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.509	12/03/2004		M	125,000	<u>(1)</u>	04/30/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.167	12/03/2004		M	2,648	<u>(2)</u>	01/02/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.32	12/03/2004		M	34,000	<u>(3)</u>	02/06/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.146	12/03/2004		M	2,187	<u>(2)</u>	01/01/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.167					<u>(2)</u>	01/02/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.146					<u>(2)</u>	01/01/2011	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MENDOZA THOMAS F 495 E. JAVA DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089			President	

Signatures

Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney for Thomas F.
Mendoza

12/07/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) 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.
 - (2) Option vests in a series of equal monthly installments over 12 months of service beginning with the one-month anniversary of the grant date.
Option vests with respect to 20% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the 12 months of service measured from the first anniversary of the option date; 30% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the following 12 months of service; and 50% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the next 12 months of service.

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