

NETWORK APPLIANCE INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
GOMO STEVEN 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)
09/05/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP, CFO

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/05/2006		M		100,000	A	\$ 7.449 108,589
Common Stock	09/05/2006		S		2,000	D	\$ 34.275 (1) 106,589
Common Stock	09/05/2006		S		100,000	D	\$ 34.3425 (2) 6,589

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	Am Nur Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.449	09/05/2006		M	100,000	(3)	08/11/2012	Common Stock	10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOMO STEVEN J 495 EAST JAVA DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089			Executive VP, CFO	

Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Steven John Gomo
Date: 09/06/2006

__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) The sale prices for the reported transaction were in a range of \$34.33 to \$34.35 per share.
- (2) The sale prices for the reported transaction were in a range of \$34.30 to \$34.43 per share.
- (3) 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.

Remarks:

Amount of Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned by Direct Ownership includes the following shares acquired under
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