

ALLEN JEFFRY R  
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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 \*  
ALLEN JEFFRY R

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)

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

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

495 EAST JAVA DRIVE

08/25/2006

(Street)

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

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

(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	Price	
Common Stock	08/25/2006		M		25,000	A \$ 9.99	97,166 D
Common Stock	08/25/2006		M		168,473	A \$ 15.32	265,639 D
Common Stock	08/25/2006		M		6,527	A \$ 15.32	272,166 D
Common Stock	08/25/2006		S		200,000	D \$ 33.9081	72,166 D
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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)	8. Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.99	08/25/2006		M	25,000	<u>(2)</u> 10/31/2012	Common Stock	25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.32	08/25/2006		M	168,473	<u>(3)</u> 02/06/2012	Common Stock	168,473
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.32	08/25/2006		M	6,527	<u>(3)</u> 02/06/2012	Common Stock	6,527

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALLEN JEFFRY R 495 EAST JAVA DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089		X		

## Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Jeffrey R. Allen

08/28/2006

\_\_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 \$33.78 to \$34.00 per share.

(2) Option vests in a series of equal monthly installments over 48 months of service beginning with the one-month anniversary of the grant date.

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- (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.

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