

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 \*  
 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

04/17/2006

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
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| (Instr. 3)                                      | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)<br>Code | Disposed of (D) |         | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|   |                                    |                  |                    | (A)             | (D)     |                     |                    |                 |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 20.16                           | 04/17/2006       | G <sup>(1)</sup> V |                 | 495,038 | <sup>(2)</sup>      | 04/25/2011         | Common<br>Stock |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 20.16                           | 04/17/2006       | G <sup>(1)</sup> V | 495,038         |         | <sup>(2)</sup>      | 04/25/2011         | Common<br>Stock |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

04/19/2006

\_\_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 reporting person transferred the option to the Jeffrey R. Allen 2006 GRAT of which the reporting person is Trustee.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Option held by Jeffrey R. Allen, Trustee of the Jeffrey R. Allen 2006 GRAT.

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