

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 *
Salmon Robert E

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)
02/28/2007

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

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	02/28/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	5,000 A \$ 9.99	45,360	I	by Trust1 (2)
Common Stock	02/28/2007		S ⁽¹⁾	5,000 D \$ 38.4404 (3)	40,360	I	by Trust1 (2)
Common Stock					51,463	D	
Common Stock					240	I	by Trust2 (4)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.99	02/28/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	5,000	⁽⁵⁾ 10/31/2012	Common Stock 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Salmon Robert E 495 EAST JAVA DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089			Executive VP, Field Operations	

Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Robert E. Salmon

03/02/2007

__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 option exercise and/or sale of issuer shares reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 22, 2006.
- (2) Shares held in trust by Robert Salmon and Patricia Mertens-Salmon, trustees to the Salmon Trust UDT 10/6/2000
- (3) The sale prices for the reported transaction were in a range of \$37.52 to \$38.86 per share.
- (4) Shares held in trust by Patricia Mertens-Salmon, Custodian for Michael T. Salmon UTMA CA.
- (5) 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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