

NETWORK APPLIANCE INC

Form 4

December 09, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
EARHART ALAN L

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)

1370 PRITCHETT COURT

(Street)

LOS ALTOS, CA 94024

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/07/2004

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	(D)	Price

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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.86	12/07/2004	A	55,000			(1)		12/06/2014		Common Stock	55,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EARHART ALAN L 1370 PRITCHETT COURT LOS ALTOS, CA 94024			X	

Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Alan L. Earhart 12/08/2004

__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) The option shares are immediately exercisable as of the grant date and shall initially be unvested and subject to repurchase by the corporation at the exercise price per share. Optionee shall acquire a vested interest in 25,000 shares upon the completion of one year of Board service measured from the grant date; and the balance of the shares in a series of three equal annual installments of 10,000 shares upon the completion of each year of Board service over the three-year period measured from the first anniversary of the grant date.

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