

MENDOZA THOMAS F  
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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 \*  
 MENDOZA THOMAS F

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)  
 03/17/2006

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

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	03/17/2006		M		4,962	A	\$ 20.16	1,233,840	D
Common Stock	03/17/2006		M		67,159	A	\$ 20.16	1,300,999	D
Common Stock	03/17/2006		M		2,881	A	\$ 20.16	1,303,880	D
Common Stock	03/17/2006		M		6,527	A	\$ 15.32	1,310,407	D
Common Stock	03/17/2006		M		51,807	A	\$ 15.32	1,362,214	D

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Common Stock	03/17/2006	M	51,000	A	\$ 15.32	1,413,214	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2006	M	26,042	A	\$ 9.99	1,439,256	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2006	M	53,125	A	\$ 15.711	1,492,381	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2006	S	335,000	D	\$ 35.1085 (1)	1,157,381	D	
Common Stock	03/20/2006	S	25,167	D	\$ 35.1202 (2)	1,132,214	D	
Common Stock						207,931	I	by Spouse

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.32	03/17/2006		M	6,527	(3) 02/06/2012	Common Stock	6,527	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.16	03/17/2006		M	4,962	(3) 04/25/2011	Common Stock	4,962	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.99	03/17/2006		M	26,042	(4) 10/31/2012	Common Stock	26,042	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 15.32	03/17/2006		M	51,807	(3) 02/06/2012	Common Stock	51,807	

(right to buy)

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.32	03/17/2006	M	51,000	<u>(5)</u>	02/06/2012	Common Stock	51,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.711	03/17/2006	M	53,125	<u>(4)</u>	05/08/2013	Common Stock	53,125
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.16	03/17/2006	M	67,159	<u>(3)</u>	04/25/2011	Common Stock	67,159
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.16	03/17/2006	M	2,881	<u>(3)</u>	04/25/2011	Common Stock	2,881

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MENDOZA THOMAS F 495 EAST JAVA DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089			President	

## Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Thomas F. Mendoza 03/20/2006

\_\_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 \$35.06 to \$35.1741 per share.
  - (2) The sale prices for the reported transaction were in a range of \$35.06 to \$35.20 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.
  - (4) Option vests in a series of equal monthly installments over 48 months of service beginning with the one-month anniversary of the grant date.
- Option vests with respect to 20% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the 12 months of service measured from the first anniversary of the option date; 30% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the following 12 months of service; and 50% of the shares in equal monthly installments over the final 12 months of service.

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