

NETWORK APPLIANCE INC

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 *
VALENTINE DONALD T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SEQUOIA CAPITAL, 3000 SAND
HILL ROAD

(Street)

MENLO PARK, CA 94025

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NETWORK APPLIANCE INC
[NTAP]3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/18/20064. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ 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)
Common Stock	08/18/2006		M	96,000 A	\$ 1.969 96,000	I	by Trust1 (1)
Common Stock	08/18/2006		S	96,000 D	\$ 33.0856 0 (2)	I	by Trust1 (1)
Common Stock					500,000	I	by Trust (1)

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. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	9. Title	10. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.969	08/18/2006		M	96,000	(3) 10/22/2006	Common Stock			96,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
VALENTINE DONALD T SEQUOIA CAPITAL 3000 SAND HILL ROAD MENLO PARK, CA 94025	X

Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Donald T. Valentine

08/18/2006

__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) Shares held in trust by Donald T. Valentine, trustee to the Donald T. Valentine Family Trust DTD 4/29/67

(2) The sale prices for the reported transaction were in a range of \$33.00 to \$33.20 per share.

Option is immediately exercisable, but any shares purchased under the option will be subject to repurchase by the Company at the option exercise price paid per share, upon the Optionee's cessation of Board service prior to vesting in those shares. The shares will vest upon the Optionee's continuation in Board service through the day immediately preceding the next Annual Stockholders Meeting following the grant date.

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