NETWORK APPLIANCE INC
Form 4
January 18, 2007

FORM 4

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

495 EAST JAVA DRIVE

(Street)

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
NETWORK APPLIANCE INC [NTAP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/16/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/16/2007		A		30,000	A	$ 0	51,463	D	
Common Stock								45,360	I	by Trust1 (1)
Common Stock								240	I	by Trust2 (2)

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 Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	$ 39.83	01/16/2007		A		125,000		(3)	01/15/2014	Common Stock	12

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	01/18/2007
**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) Shares held in trust by Robert Salmon and Patricia Mertens-Salmon, trustees to the Salmon Trust UDT 10/6/2000

(2) Shares held in trust by Patricia Mertens-Salmon, Custodian for Michael T. Salmon UTMA CA.

(3) Option vests in a series of equal monthly installments over 48 months of service beginning with the one-month annniversary of the grant date.

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