NETWORK APPLIANCE INC

Form 4

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

EARHART ALAN L

Symbol NETWORK APPLIANCE INC

(Check all applicable)

[NTAP]

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

08/31/2006

below)

1370 PRITCHETT COURT

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

LOS ALTOS, CA 94024

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(A) or (Instr. 3 and 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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 4. Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Conversion Code (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise Securities any

Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)

7. Title and Amour

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(Instr. 3)	str. 3) Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)			Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.24	08/31/2006		A		20,000		<u>(1)</u>	08/30/2016	Common Stock	20,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
EARHART ALAN L								
1370 PRITCHETT COURT	X							
LOS ALTOS, CA 94024								

Signatures

By: Janice Mahoney by Power of Attorney For: Alan L.

Earhart

09/05/2006

**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).

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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