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NETWORK APPLIANCE INC  
Form 8-K  
August 17, 2004

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): August 17, 2004

Network Appliance, Inc.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-27130	77-0307520
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

495 East Java Drive  
Sunnyvale, CA 94089  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(408) 822-6000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 12.

The information is furnished pursuant to "Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition" in accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8216 (March 27, 2003).

On August 17, 2004, Network Appliance, Inc. issued a press release announcing its earnings for the first quarter fiscal year 2005. The press release, attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished on this Form 8-K.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

August 17, 2004

By: /s/ Steven Gomo

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Steven J. Gomo  
Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit Description

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99.1 Press release of Network Appliance, Inc. issued on August 17, 2004.  
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