

ION MEDIA NETWORKS INC.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
Burgess Brandon

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ION MEDIA NETWORKS,  
INC., 601 CLEARWATER PARK  
ROAD

(Street)

WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ION MEDIA NETWORKS INC.  
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3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/04/2008

4. 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)  
CEO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Class A Common Stock	04/04/2008		A		45,000,000 (1)	A \$ 0	45,000,000 D

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.42	04/04/2008		D	8,000,000 (2)	(3) 11/07/2012	Class A Common Stock	8,000,000	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.25	04/04/2008		D	8,000,000 (2)	(3) 11/07/2012	Class A Common Stock	8,000,000	
Restricted Stock Unit	(4)	04/04/2008		D	8,000,000 (2)	(5) 11/07/2009	Class A Common Stock	8,000,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Burgess Brandon C/O ION MEDIA NETWORKS, INC. 601 CLEARWATER PARK ROAD WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401	X		CEO	

## Signatures

Roy Brandon Burgess, Reporting Person, executed by attorney-in-fact, Adam K. Weinstein

04/29/2008

\*\*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) 33,750,000 shares are restricted as to transferability and are subject to performance and time-based vesting requirements.
- (2) Pursuant to the terms of an amended and restated employment agreement entered into on April 4, 2008, the Issuer and the Reporting Person agreed to cancel the Reporting Person's existing equity awards.
- (3) The cancelled options provided for vesting in four equal installments 18, 24, 36 and 48 months after November 7, 2005, subject to termination and acceleration of vesting under specified circumstances.

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- (4) Each cancelled restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.
- (5) The cancelled restricted stock units provided for vesting in four equal installments 18, 24, 36 and 48 months after November 7, 2005, subject to termination and acceleration of vesting under specified circumstances.

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