

EAMES EDWARD JULIAN
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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 *
 EAMES EDWARD JULIAN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O F5 NETWORKS INC., 401 ELLIOTT AVE. WEST

(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98119

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 F5 NETWORKS INC [FFIV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/23/2004

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)

Sr. VP of Business Operations

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2004 | | M | | 50,000 | A | \$ 11.12 |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2004 | | M | | 14,546 | A | \$ 9.5 |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2004 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 64,546 | D | \$ 47.1172 |
| | | | | | | | 50,320 |
| | | | | | | | 64,866 |
| | | | | | | | 320 |

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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) | | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.12 | 12/23/2004 | | M | 50,000 | 06/06/2002 05/06/2012 | Common Stock | 50 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.5 | 12/23/2004 | | M | 14,546 | 01/01/2002 01/01/2011 | Common Stock | 14 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EAMES EDWARD JULIAN C/O F5 NETWORKS INC. 401 ELLIOTT AVE. WEST SEATTLE, WA 98119 | | | Sr. VP of Business Operations | |

Signatures

/s/ Edward J. Eames 12/27/2004

**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) Sale pursuant to the terms of a 10b5-1 trading plan.

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