

CARTER LARRY R  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
CARTER LARRY R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

170 WEST TASMAN DRIVE

(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CISCO SYSTEMS INC [CSCO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/22/2004

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)  
SVP, Office of the President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 or Price		
Common Stock	12/22/2004		M		25,000 A \$ 5.8056	56,500	D
Common Stock	12/22/2004		S		25,000 D \$ 19.31	31,500	D
Common Stock	12/22/2004		M		75,000 A \$ 5.8056	106,500	D
Common Stock	12/22/2004		S		75,000 D \$ 19.33	31,500	D
Common Stock						2,900	I by Trust (1)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.8056	12/22/2004		M	25,000	(2) 05/07/2005	Common Stock	25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.8056	12/22/2004		M	75,000	(2) 05/07/2005	Common Stock	75,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARTER LARRY R 170 WEST TASMAN DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	X		SVP, Office of the President	

## Signatures

Larry R. Carter                      12/22/2004  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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 by the Carter Revocable Trust dated October 18, 1994.
- (2) The option vested as to twenty-five percent (25%) of the shares on the one (1) year anniversary of the date of grant, and as to the remaining seventy-five percent (75%) of the shares thereafter in thirty-six (36) successive equal monthly installments.

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