

EAMES EDWARD JULIAN
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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)
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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	D	
					64,866	D	
					320	D	

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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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