

CHRISTIANSON JEFFREY A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**CHRISTIANSON JEFFREY A**

(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)  
**05/01/2012**

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)  
**EVP and General Counsel**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	05/01/2012		A		1,822 <u>(1)</u> \$ 0	11,870	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012		M		1,701 <u>(2)</u> \$ 0	13,571	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	05/01/2012		M	720	<sup>(4)</sup> / <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock 720	\$ 0
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	05/01/2012		M	676	<sup>(6)</sup> / <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock 676	\$ 0
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	05/01/2012		M	305	<sup>(7)</sup> / <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock 305	\$ 0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHRISTIANSON JEFFREY A C/O F5 NETWORKS, INC. 401 ELLIOTT AVE. WEST SEATTLE, WA 98119			EVP and General Counsel	

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Christianson 05/01/2012

\*\*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) Shares acquired based on performance targets for the August 2, 2010, August 1, 2011, and November 9, 2011 awards of Restricted Stock Units.
- (2)

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Shares acquired upon vesting of the August 2, 2010, August 1, 2011, and November 9, 2011 awards of service-based Restricted Stock Units.

- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of F5 Networks, Inc. Common Stock on the vest date.
- (4) 8,635 of the service-based Restricted Stock Units awarded August 2, 2010 vest in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning November 1, 2010; an additional 6,000 Restricted Stock Units vest August 1, 2013.
- (5) If the reporting person continues to serve as an officer of the Company on the vest date, the corresponding number of shares of Common Stock of F5 Networks, Inc. will be issued to the reporting person on the vest date.
- (6) The August 1, 2011 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning November 1, 2011.
- (7) The November 9, 2011 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vest in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2012.

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