EAMES EDWARD JULIAN

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * EAMES EDWARD JULIAN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

F5 NETWORKS INC [FFIV]

(Check all applicable)

F5 NETWORKS INC, 401

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

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

below) Sr. VP Business Operations

ELLIOTT AVE. WEST

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

12/15/2006

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SEATTLE, WA 98119

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

3. Execution Date, if Code

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)
Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)
(Instr. 3, 4,

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration

Expiration Date

Title

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Amou

Restricted

Stock \$ 0 12/15/2006 A 22,000 02/01/2007(2) 12/15/2016 Common Stock 22,0

Units $\underline{^{(1)}}$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EAMES EDWARD JULIAN F5 NETWORKS INC 401 ELLIOTT AVE. WEST SEATTLE, WA 98119

Sr. VP Business Operations

Signatures

/s/ Edward Julian
Eames 12/15/2006

**Signature of Reporting Date

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) Right to receive shares of F5 Networks, Inc. common stock on the vest date.
 - Fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate number of RSUs in the grant vests in equal quarterly increments over two years, until such portion of the grant is fully vested on November 1, 2008. The vesting of twenty-five percent (25%) of each such grant is subject to the Company
- (2) achieving specified percentage increases in total revenue for fiscal year 2007, relative to fiscal year 2006. The vesting of the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) is subject to the Company meeting specified performance criteria to be set by the Compensation Committee for fiscal year 2008.

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