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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *				2	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
EAMES ED	WARD J	ULIAN]	F5 N	ETW	ORKS I	NC	[ffiv	<i>y</i>]						
(Last) (First) (Middle)				3	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)							Director 10% Owner				
F5 NETWORKS INC, 401 ELLIOTT AVE.				ГТ			8/2	25/2	2003			X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Sr. VP Business Operations				
	(Stre	eet)		4	If A	mendm	ent, Date (Origi	inal Fi	led (MM/I	DD/YYYY)	6. Individual o	or Joint/G	roup Filing (Check Appl	icable Line)
SEATTLE, WA 98119 (City) (State) (Zip)					8/27/2003							_ X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		•					curities Ac	cqui	red, D	isposed	of, or Be	neficially Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans. Dat				Trans. Date	te 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any		3. Trans. Co. (Instr. 8)	de 4. Securities Acqu Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		. ,	i. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned following Reported Transaction(s) Instr. 3 and 4)			6. 7. Nature Ownership Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership		
							Code	V	Amoun	(A) or (D)	Price					(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 8/25/2003				8/25/2003	M 1736 A \$7 2625			D								
Common Stock 8/25/2003				8/25/2003			s (1)		1736	D	\$18.8922	889		D		
	Tabl	le II - Deri	vative S	Securitie	s Ben	eficiall	y Owned ((e.g.	, puts	s, calls, v	varrants,	options, conve	rtible sec	urities)		
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date E	3A. Deen Execution Date, if an	n (Instr.	Securit (A) or (D)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date			Underlying Derivat Security Security		of 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Ownership Form of	Beneficial
				Cod	e V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	e rcisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			(I) (Instr. 4)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7	8/25/2003		М			1736	5/27	7/2001	4/27/2011	Common Stock	1736	\$7	4168	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

Reporting Owners

reporting owners										
Panorting Owner Name / Address	Relationships									
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other						
EAMES EDWARD JULIAN										
F5 NETWORKS INC		Sr. VP Business Opera								
401 ELLIOTT AVE.										
SEATTLE, WA 98119										

Signatures

/s/ Edward J. Eames 9/4/2003

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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