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

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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	IULIAN		F:	5 NI	ETW	ORKS I	NC	[ ffiv	v ]		(	,,			
(Last) (First) (Middle)				3.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)							Director10% Owner				
F5 NETWORKS INC, 401 ELLIOTT AVE.							8/1	18/2	2003		Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Sr. VP, Business Operations					
	(Stre	eet)		4.	If Ar	nendm	ent, Date	Orig	inal Fi	led (MM/I	DD/YYYY)	6. Individual	or Joint/G	roup Filing	(Check Appl	licable Line)
SEATTLE, WA 98119 (City) (State) (Zip)					8/20/2003							_ X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
			•	Non-De	rivat	ive Se	curities A	cqui	red, D	isposed	of, or Be	neficially Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			]			3. Trans. Co (Instr. 8)	de	4. Securities Acqu Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		. ,	5. Amount of Secur Following Reported (Instr. 3 and 4)			Ownership Form: of I Ben	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
							Code	V	Amoun	(A) or (D)	Price				or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 8/18/200				2003	)3		M		1736	A	\$7	2625		D		
Common Stock 8/18/2003				2003	S (1)				1736	D	\$18.1627	889		D		
	Tab	le II - Deriv	vative Sec	urities	Bene	ficiall	y Owned (	( <b>e.g.</b>	. , puts	s, calls, v	varrants,	options, conve	ertible sec	curities)		
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. (Instr. 8)	Securit (A) or I (D)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date			Underlying Derivative Security Security		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following	Form of	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V (A)		(D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7	8/18/2003		M			1736	5/27	7/2001	4/27/2011	Commor Stock	1736	\$7	5904	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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

**Reporting Owners** 

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Paparting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
EAMES EDWARD JULIAN								
F5 NETWORKS INC		Sr. VP, Business Operation						
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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