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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1 0 | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| GUELICH KARL | F5 NETWORKS INC [FFIV] | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | X Director 10% Owner | | | |
| | | Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | |
| | 2/12/2004 | | | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | (Instr. 8) | | or Disposed of (D) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Ownership Form: | Beneficial |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------|---|--------------------|--------|---------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | Direct (D) or Indirect | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | _ | | (A) or | | | (I) (Instr. | ` ' |
| | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price | | 4) | |
| Common Stock | 2/12/2004 | М | | 15000 | Α | \$11.12 | 15000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 2/12/2004 | S | | 15000 | D | \$35.59 | 0 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Date | Execution Date, if any | Code (Instr. 8) | | Acquire Dispose | ive Securities ed (A) or ed of (D) 8, 4 and 5) | - | 1 | Securities Un Derivative So (Instr. 3 and Title | Amount or | (Instr. 5) | Securities Beneficially Owned Following | Derivative | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|-------------|----------|--|---------------------|------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$11.12 | 2/12/2004 | | м | | | 15000 | 5/6/2002 | 5/6/2012 | Common Stock | 15000 | \$11.12 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

| Penarting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| GUELICH KARL | | | | | | |
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Signatures

| /s/ | Karl | Guelich |
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2/13/2004 Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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